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SWABUE COMMUNISTS BEATEN.

DRIVEN OUT OF LUK-FUNG BY VILLAGERS.

"IRONSIDES" INTERCEPTED ON KIANGSI BORDER.

100 PRISONERS TAKEN.

Latest reports from Canton are to the effect that the "Iron-sides" are making a general retreat, making for the Kiangsi border, and that they have suffered a defeat at the hands of General Chu Pei-teh's troops who have intercepted them.

It appears that when the Canton Government learned that the "Iron-sides" were approaching the border, cabled instructions were sent to General Chu, leader of the Nationalist troops in Kiangsi, asking him to intercept the retreating forces, who were encountered in Lingping, where, after a fight, about 100 "Iron-sides" were taken prisoner and 500 rifles captured.

Our Swatow correspondent reports that the villagers in the stricken district of Swatue have combined for self-protection and have succeeded in driving the Communists out of Luk-fung, the subsidiary centre of Soviet activity.

Meanwhile, General Li Chai-sum has wired to Swatow ordering the extermination of the Communist Farmers' and Labourers' Corps, whilst in Swatow itself active anti-Communist measures are being taken.

SWATOW ROUNDING-UP COMMUNISTS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Swatow, Jan. 10.

Following the victory of General Chan Chi-tong at Pingshan comes the news of that of General Wong Shao-hung at Swatue. If this is correct, the retreat of the "Iron-sides" is proceeding with great rapidity, and their line of further retreat becomes a vital question for Swatow. One would think that they could only with difficulty escape north to Kiangsi, but that appears to be their aim. Doubtless the next few days will make plain whether they will alternatively attempt the road to Chaochow and Swatow or not.

A Pathetic Appeal.

There is so far no word of what part, if any, the Hai-luk Fung Communists are playing in the development of events. Meanwhile the refugees from the district are groaning at the inactivity of all parties. They have issued a long appeal, giving the heart-rending account of conditions there with which we are by now familiar, and urging that while preoccupation with such questions as the unequal treaties and Northern militarism is well up to a certain point, yet neglect of the dire peril at hand is both lacking in sense of immediate duty, and fraught with peril for the future. For the danger may at any time spread to other districts.

Communists Driven Out.

It is reported, not for the first time, that the villages in the stricken districts have, as the last for blood increased, joined together to protect themselves, and that after combining in one fruitless attempt to take Luk-fung they, at the second attempt succeeded and drove the Communists out.

Luk-fung is the subsidiary centre of the two, Hai-luk Fung, being the seat of the Soviet. The Communists are said to have strong fastnesses in the hills to which they can retreat if punitive measures are taken against them, and in which they count on being secure till the storm blows over and they can resume the Government again.

Plot Unearthed.

The authorities in Swatow have been active in unearthing Communist plots, and on three of the last five days arrests have been made. In the first it is said that three men were taken, and that bombs and automatic pistols were found.

Twice subsequently, arrests have been made, and in each case some indications of the plot have been discovered, and in one case a store of kerosene oil was found.

The purchase of oil is now only possible by special permit from the police, issued on the production of satisfactory guarantees.

Incendiary Schemes.

It is believed that the plot included the burning of the Fire Station, and the starting of fires in the different quarters of Swatow. Now that it is so well known, there is not much likelihood of any outbreak, unless any unfavourable development of the military situation takes place.

A slight outbreak of fire occurred two days ago in the afternoon. It was on the roof of a three-storied building, and was quickly got under. It was, however, noticeable that on the first alarm the military lined the adjacent streets and held up all traffic till the fire was out.

GENERAL RETREAT.

"Iron-sides" on the Run.

Canton reports state that a general retreat by the "Iron-sides" on the East River, is now reported. The retreat is from the middle course of the East River to the northern part of Kwangtung en route to the border of Kiangsi. This is no doubt due to the fact that they are outnumbered, and are being assailed on both the upper and lower courses of the river by the Kwangsi troops, who recently received reinforcements from the North.

In most cases, the retreat is marked by no fighting, the "Iron-sides" generally giving up towns or large villages when the news reaches them of the approach of the Kwangsi soldiers.

A few days ago it was said that the main body of the fleeing "Iron-sides" was concentrated at Laolung, a town in the northern part of Kwangtung, near the Kiangsi border, but a later report says they have gone down south, entering the Hai-luk Fung and Luk-fung districts, near the coast.

Recently, according to people fleeing from the Hai-luk Fung and Luk-fung districts, the Communists there appeared to desire to work together with "Iron-sides" on the East River. Not only were slogans supporting the "Iron-sides" freely employed, but large banners with characters reading "Support the Comrades of the 4th Army" were seen flying at the "Red" Government headquarters at Luk-fung. (The "Iron-sides" are named the 4th Army).

Unsuccessful Attempt.

One report went as far as to say that General Chang Fat-kwai, the Commander-in-Chief of the "Iron-sides," had definitely decided to

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HANKOW UNEASY.

HUNAN TROOPS NEAR CITY.

FEAR OF FIGHTING.

Hankow, Jan. 10.

There is a feeling of uneasiness here and it seems possible that Hankow may again become the scene of military operations. A report, which is believed to be reliable, states that the Hunan troops are within fifty miles of the city on the south side of the river.

Pei Tsung-hsi and Chen Chien have so far met with no success in their efforts to get Hu Tsung-hai out of the way. In the first place, he suggested that he should move up the river to meet Yang Seng. Hu Tsung-hsi remains here, however, apparently having refused to adopt a second suggestion that he should move against the Hunanese forces.

That he is sympathetically disposed towards presenting the Administration of the ex-British Concession the sum of \$30,000, the deficit of 1927, is a statement made by Chen Chien.—*Naval Wireless.*

KIUKIANG DEMAND.

Commissioner Wants \$16,000.

Kiukiang, Jan. 10.

A meeting is being held here to discuss a demand made by the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for \$16,000 from residents of the ex-British Concession.—*Naval Wireless.*

C. C. WU'S TELEGRAM.

U. S. Mission Inopportune.

The following is a translation of Mr. C. C. Wu's telegram to the Nationalist Government regarding his appointment by the Government Council as the special Delegate for Treaty Revision with the United States of America:

Shanghai Jan. 4: In the Shanghai newspapers this morning, there is a report, the authenticity of which I do not know, that the Government Council has passed a resolution that Chao-chu Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, be appointed Special Delegate for Treaty Revision with the United States.

The cancellation of the unequal treaties is in accordance with the last wishes of our late leader, the programme of the party, and the desire of the whole nation. I have always been anxious to do what I can to contribute to this end, and I am ready to do anything within my power. I have also endeavoured to ascertain the attitude of the American Government regarding this matter.

Nevertheless, it is a point for careful consideration whether the present is an opportune time. Should the time be not yet ripe, and the necessary understanding not reached, a sudden announcement of the appointment of a special delegate is most adventitious. It may not only fail in its intended mission of hastening the conclusion of equal treaties, but it may even produce adverse effects.

As regard my duties as Minister of Foreign Affairs, I have already requested to be relieved of them. Therefore, if the press reports are correct, I earnestly request that the official announcement be not made.

CHIANG'S MANIFESTO.

Direction of Northern Campaign.

Shanghai, Jan. 10.

In a manifesto issued at Nanking yesterday, Chiang Kai-shek announces his resumption of the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army and pledges that he will personally direct the anti-northern expedition, support the Central Authorities and suppress all communist uprising. He dares not forecast the result of his re-appearance at this critical moment when both the party and the country are on the brink of collapse, and the people reduced to despair. He hopes all his fellow countrymen will rally to his support.—*Reuter.*

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place at Shanghai, between Lieut. Commander C. J. Gordon, R.N. (Retd.), and Miss Mary Dorothy Burns, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Burns, of Birch Lodge, Wimbledon.

SEVERE QUAKES IN KENYA.

ONE FISSURE OVER NINE MILES LONG.

NUNS' FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

Nairobi, Jan. 10.

As a climax to earth tremors all over Kenya Colony during the past week, Nairobi and district felt very severe earthquake shocks in the early hours of this morning.

A fissure at least nine miles long has torn through the neighbourhood of Lake Baringo.

Nuns at the Catholic Mission, Port Hall, had a very narrow escape from death. The heavy stone walls of their dormitories collapsed and crashed on the beds at the first severe shock, but at that time, however, nuns were praying at the chapel.—*Reuter.*

DOMINION STATUS.

APPOINTMENT OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES.

London, Jan. 10.

It was announced after a Ministerial Council meeting in Paris to-day, that following upon diplomatic negotiations, after conversations held at Paris last December between Mr. Dandurand, the Canadian Minister of State, and M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister, the Canadian and French Governments had decided to create a Canadian Legation in France and a French Legation in Canada.

The new French Minister will reside in Ottawa.

It may be recalled that at the Imperial Conference held at London in 1926 it was decided that in countries where Dominions felt they had special interests, diplomatic appointment of their own special representatives was to be welcomed. In other cases, the Foreign Office, British Embassies and Legations should continue to be used as normal diplomatic channels between Dominion Governments and foreign governments.

The only such official Dominions representatives at present appointed are the Canadian and Irish Ministers in Washington.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH VIEWS ON SECURITY.

EXAGGERATED STATEMENT PUBLISHED.

London, Jan. 10.

The statement published to-day that the British Government have notified the League Secretariat of an intention shortly to submit a complete scheme on security as seen from the British viewpoint is not correct, and is apparently an exaggerated description of the procedure agreed upon by members of the Security Committee at its public meeting last December.

The British Government merely propose in common, it is understood, with other governments, to carry out the suggestion then made by M. Benes, the Chairman of the Committee, to send to the League before the next meeting begins, their views on the programme of work to be proposed to the committee.

One or two memoranda embodying the British views on the Committee's programme are now under preparation but they make no pretence to be a complete scheme as reported.—*British Wireless.*

U.S.A. AND LATIN AMERICA.

MONROE DOCTRINE'S BAD IMPRESSION.

New York, Jan. 10.

Dr. Davila, the Chilean Ambassador, in the course of an address before a large gathering to-day, declared the belief in many part of Latin America that the Monroe Doctrine implied the assumption of superiority by the United States, was a serious barrier to understanding and goodwill.

Dr. Davila extolled the work of Senator Root, whom he said "has done much to break down the impression that the United States assumed the right to exercise a protectorate over Central and South America."—*Reuter's American Service.*

AIRSHIP RIVALRY.

TRANSATLANTIC PLAN OUTLINED.

OTHER BRITISH SERVICES.

London, Jan. 10.

A keen race between England and Germany to be the first to operate a Transatlantic passenger airship service is anticipated by Commander Burney, M.P., who stated to-day that the Zeppelin Company is now working day and night at Friedrichshafen to complete the Transatlantic airship, LZ 127, by October.

The British airship, R 100, now in the course of construction at Howden, Yorkshire, will be ready by the end of April, he said, but the flying trials will be delayed pending the completion of the big new airship at Cardington, near Bedford, which will probably materialise about the end of July.

Regular Trips Planned.

The Air Ministry will then carry out the official trials after which Commander Burney will fly the airship as private enterprise to carry passengers on a demonstration Transatlantic flight.

If the demonstration flight is successful, it is intended to form an Atlantic Airship Company which will operate an alternate day service between England and North American continent. The company will contract to carry mails and passengers.

Magnificent Craft.

It is estimated that the time taken will be 48 hours from England to America and 38 hours from America to England.

The airship has been designed to carry 165 passengers at a cruising speed of 95 miles per hour.

Further airships will be constructed which will be able to travel in 52 hours non-stop from London to Bombay, and will also be extended to an Australian service, Australia being thereby brought within five days' journey of England.—*Reuter.*

THAMES FLOOD INQUEST OPENS.

VITAL QUESTIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

London, Jan. 10.

The Coroner for the Westminster district of London to-day opened the inquest on the persons who lost their lives in Westminster through the Thames flood disaster.

After evidence of identification had been given, the Coroner adjourned the inquest until January 18th, when, he said, two vital questions would be investigated.

These were, firstly, why the Embankment wall opposite the Tate Gallery was unable to withstand pressure of water, and secondly, why the wall at the South-west end of Lambeth Bridge was allowed to remain for so long in an inadequately safe condition in view of the possibility of catastrophe.

The jury of Westminster citizens would hear evidence on these matters. He hoped to receive assistance and reports from the local authorities concerned.—*British Wireless.*

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED.

WELL OVER MILLION AND QUARTER.

London, Jan. 10.

The Ministry of Labour announces that on January 2nd, the total number of unemployed was 1,532,300, which was 232,248 more than on December 15th, but 133,559 less than on January 3rd, 1927.

Owing to the dismissal of workers specially engaged for the Christmas trade and to extended short-time working there is normally a large increase in the number registered as unemployed immediately after Christmas.

Last year the total for January 3rd was 1,861,100, more than that for 20th December 1926. The considerably larger increase this year is undoubtedly due to the severe weather.—*British Wireless.*

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CLASHES OF RADIO AND CABLE.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIVALS LIKELY.

CABLE SHARES SHARP RISE.

London, Jan. 10.

The Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies and Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company announce that Sir William Pender, on behalf of the former, and Sir Gilbert Garnsey, on behalf of the latter, have been asked to co-operate with a view to making a joint report for submission to the respective boards as to whether it is possible to come to any arrangement in the joint interests of the respective companies.

The cable companies shares rose sharply on the Stock Exchange following the announcement. Easterns, leading the increase with a ten points rise. The rise is attributed in the City to the expectation of an agreement with Marconi's over the beam system, while the Star to-night says it is freely rumoured that the Marconi interests may be bought out.—*Reuter.*

Consultation With Post Office.

Reuter recently cabled:—A statement by the Eastern Telegraph Company, signed by Sir John Denison Pender, the chairman, and by Messrs. J. C. Denison Pender and H. W. Grant, managing directors, which has been issued to-day, declares:

"A meeting was held at our request, at the Post Office, on October 26, to inform the Post Office of the action the Eastern and associated cable companies were about to take as regards wireless competition."

"After a discussion, the cable companies undertook to postpone action until the Post Office was able to consult other Government departments, and we were assured that before the end of the year, the Post Office would be able to deal with the situation placed before them."

"The public will therefore realise that under the circumstances we consider it to be improper for us to make any statement at the present time."

TROUBLES OF COTTON INDUSTRY.

UNIONS AGREE TO MEET EMPLOYERS.

London, Jan. 10.

The Legislative Council of the United Textile Factory Workers' Association, representing all cotton trade unions and over half a million workers at a meeting held at Manchester this afternoon agreed to the offer to meet the Employers' Associations on January 17th, for the purpose of discussing the condition of the industry.

One Difficulty.

The London Star commenting on the cotton employers' reports says: "It is clearly unwise to increase hours to 62 1/2 at a time when the Washington Convention fixing them at 48 still awaits ratification."—*Reuter.*

HUGE ARMS DISCOVERY AT KIEL.

BELIEVED TO BE INTENDED FOR CHINA.

Kiel, Jan. 10.

Two hundred and fifty tons of goods which arrived here in sixteen freight cars from Halle for shipment to Oslo on board a Norwegian freighter, were discovered by Customs officials to be munitions.

The loading of this immense consignment on board the vessel has been forbidden, pending investigation of its origin.

It is believed in shipping circles that the arms and ammunition were intended for China.—*Reuter.*

U.S. MINE DISASTER.

MANY FEARED DEAD.

New York, Jan.

A rescue worker asserts that he has counted at least 21 bodies in the Industrial Coal Company's mine at West Frankport, Illinois, where an explosion occurred.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH TROOPS.

CHINA VOTE DEBATED IN COMMONS.

THE FULL REPORT.

The following is the full report of the discussion which took place on December 14th in the House of Commons on a supplementary estimate of £3,000,000 for excess cost in connection with the troops in China.

Commodore King (Financial Secretary to the War Office) explained that this estimate did not cover the cost of the ordinary garrison in China, nor the normal cost of the extra troops which had been sent out.

When the decreases which were decided on in July had taken effect, the strength of the force remaining in China, in addition to the garrison, would be eight infantry battalions, of which five would be stationed at Shanghai, with the addition of supporting artillery and ancillaries.

It was impossible to forecast the future, but the conditions in China were being carefully watched. He thought the Committee would agree that the whole force could not be withdrawn until a Government in China could assure them that it was both able and willing to give adequate protection to our nationals.

The troops in China had in disadvantageous circumstances lived up to the highest traditions of the British Army. Their discipline had been excellent, and their conduct most exemplary.

On the whole, the health of the troops had been satisfactory, but during the hot weather in the summer months there was a serious outbreak of pneumonia, which was attributed in part to the unpleasant spitting habits of the Chinese.

Referring to the return of the troops withdrawn from China, Commodore King appealed to employers to re-engage reservists who had been called out from their service.

Socialist Protest.

Mr. Trevelyan (Soc. Newcastle Central) claimed that everything which had been said by the Opposition when it was decided to send the troops to China had turned out perfectly correct.

British subjects in China outside Shanghai had been placed in greater danger, feeling among the Chinese had been embittered, and our trade seriously interfered with.

How, he asked, was the Government to get out of this morass? On the ultimate aims in China there was little difference, for unless the Government had changed its mind, the unequal treaties were to go, and the ports and cities were as soon as possible to belong to the people of China. The Government, however, could take no step in that direction, for the presence of the army of occupation made negotiation impossible.

He regarded the whole expenditure as wanton and wasteful, and invited the Committee to vote against the estimate.

Mr. Wardlaw Milne (C. Kidderminster) denied that there was any resentment in China at the sending out of the troops. It was a statesmanlike and foreseeing act which had made Shanghai the only stable place on the whole coast line. Shanghai was the Mecca of British pilgrims from all parts of the country who desired protection.

Colonel Wedgwood (Soc. Newcastle-under-Lyme) said the Government's policy of "wait and see" in China was both futile and expensive. He advocated a diplomatic approach to America, with a view of agreeing, if possible, on a common policy in the interests of the Chinese people.

Mr. Looker (C. Essex, S.E.) invited Labour members to go out to Shanghai and see for themselves the conditions of terrorism which prevailed. The estimate was larger than was expected, but the money had been well spent in protecting a British community abroad, which was unable to defend itself. He urged the Government to consider most seriously what steps could be taken, whether in conjunction with other nations or through the League of Nations, or by ourselves, to promote stable conditions in China.

Protecting British Lives.

Mr. Wellcock (Soc. Stourbridge) declared that the Lancashire cotton industry had lost trade to the amount of £3,000,000 by the despatch of the troops.

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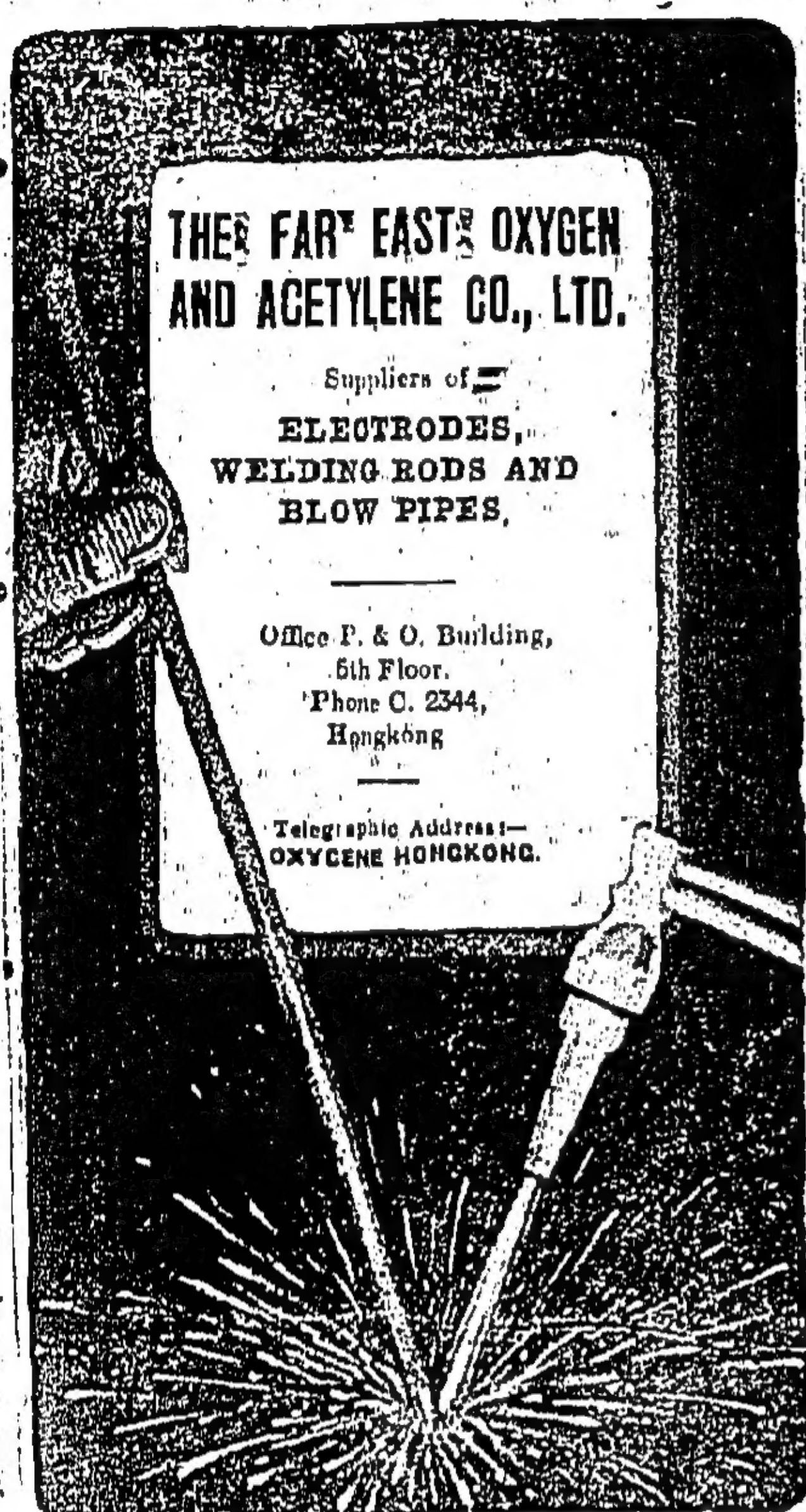
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CONSPIRACY CASE.

CHRISTIE AND BLUMH
SENTENCED.

After a protracted hearing, including a re-trial resulting from an amendment of the original charge, James Christie and Christopher Blumh were yesterday found guilty of conspiracy to obtain money from a Chinese Police Reservist, and were sentenced to four months' and three months' hard labour respectively, the sentences to date from the date of detention.

When the hearing was resumed yesterday afternoon, there was one other witness called by the defence, this being W. K. Smith, an oil dealer from San Francisco, whose statement was accepted that the firm of Thatcher and Company, with which the second defendant was seeking to do business, did exist in Shanghai, and that there was such a brand as "Long Life" kerosene oil on the China market. He had never seen this brand in Hongkong, and spoke of conditions in the North China market where a marked drop occurred in the prices of kerosene during the months of September and October. He could not say that he knew Zia, the man mentioned by Blumh as being connected with the Jardine Engineering Corporation in Shanghai.

Questioned by Mr. King, witness said that he had met Thatcher amongst other oil dealers in Shanghai, and it was possible that Thatcher did bring up the possibilities of the South China market during the conversations. In any case, he did not mention Blumh's name.

This closed the evidence.

Mr. Leask's Submissions.

After dealing with the wording of the charges, Mr. Leask, in his address for the defence, said the same evidence and the same set of facts had been resuscitated in the re-trial on another charge amended from one on which the defendants had already been discharged. It did not seem consonant with British justice that they should stand for another trial where the plea of *autre fois acquit* could have been submitted.

However, as the case had been before his Worship, he would remind his Worship that he was sitting there as a judge and jury; and that he was to carefully assess the evidence—evidence which, to Mr. Leask's mind, if it had gone before a jury, would not have been considered sufficient ground for a conviction.

With regard to the evidence, that for the prosecution was based on the evidence of the Police Reservist, Au Yeung. But it would appear that the principal witness was actually Haynes, the informer. Haynes' evidence, Mr. Leask thought, could not be accepted by anybody.

Speaking with regard to this point, Mr. Leask referred his Worship to an authority, Archbold, 26th edition, page 473, where Archbold said, under heading of "Credit of Witnesses," the credibility of witnesses depended amongst other things, upon (1) knowledge of the fact he testifies to, (2) his disinterestedness, (3) his integrity, etc.

The Witnesses.

With regard to knowledge, the Police Reservist, possessed no knowledge of the subject matter of the case in which he was called upon to interest himself as a member of the Police Reserve. He was told to look for two foreigners who had morphia, and his whole mind was obsessed with morphia, and morphia only. It was agreed that at the outset Au Yeung had no knowledge regarding the drug, and it was also admitted that he went back to Mr. King and Mr. Taylor, who "put him wise" on the deal.

It was inconceivable that a man with diversified experience extending over 30 years in China, and who according to the evidence, had the attribute of being cautious and shrewd in his dealings, should

at the very outset come out with the plain question of "Do you want 'morph'?"

With regard to the second point of disinterestedness, again referring to the same authority, Mr. Leask said a witness, to be perfectly creditable, must not be in the least degree biased or partial to either party. The witness, Haynes, in addition to his other qualities which need not be added, was distinctly biased, Mr. Leask submitted.

Mr. Leask found for this biased attitude on the part of Haynes three motives:

(a) That there had been something in the past in Shanghai in 1925, when Haynes asked Christie for a loan and did not get it, and Haynes had said: "I will never forgive you Jim, for this."

(b) Haynes wanted to get rich quickly and saw his chance in getting into the deal in arms, which Christie would not allow him to do.

(c) Having discussed the question of arms with Christie on several occasions and gone to the most extraordinary trouble of getting information, he noted the details on an envelope with the view to making his own skin safe by reporting to the police.

The other points dealt with by Archbold spoke for themselves, said Mr. Leask. "That is one other point, that Haynes is known as The Liar, and if your Worship thinks for one moment that his evidence can be believed, I shall be very surprised indeed."

Concerning Blumh.

With regard to the second defendant, Blumh, Mr. Leask pointed out that, in their testimony, both the first and second witnesses strenuously stated that Blumh did not take any part in the proceedings whatever. How, then, Blumh could be said to conspire with Christie it was difficult to see.

His Worship pointed out that at one stage Blumh did go to Haynes and interest himself personally in the matter.

Coming to the point of conspiracy, Mr. Leask argued that there must be an agreement for the alleged purpose and also the defendant's joint participation in it. He argued that Blumh was a genuine oil dealer, as was shown in the correspondence with Thatcher and Company of Shanghai, a concern which it was suggested did not exist but which, as proved by the evidence of Mr. W. K. Smith, did exist.

"Blumh gave his evidence extremely well, and I don't think that he was shaken. The whole time he was dealing in oil with various persons, Mali Khan, and the Chinese mentioned by Blumh, in the famous 'Sonaky' letters as 'The Grazier'."

It was a most extraordinary thing that in spite of the most rigid search both of Christie's room and office, no scrap of evidence had been found relating to drugs. This charge was spread by Haynes after the met Christie in November, 1927.

The Police Raids.

Mr. Leask asked how the mention of heroin, at the first interview between Haynes and Christie, could be reconciled with the steps that immediately followed and which were based on a morphia charge. He submitted that Haynes had contradicted himself here.

While on this subject, he would like to refer again to the police raid on the address of a friend of Christie, as confirming what he had already said, at the last hearing.

Mr. King: I strenuously deny the statement. The Police entirely repudiate any imputation on the Police in that direction.

Mr. Leask: I would like to mention that somebody did raid that address, and the first defendant said it was the Police. I wanted to explain as you might think it was a wild statement.

Continuing, Mr. Leask said that the charge really resolved itself into one of obtaining money by false pretences. Referring once

again to Archbold, Mr. Leask submitted that the defendants could not be prosecuted for giving a promise of future conduct, a promise of future delivery, even though the goods concerned were drugs, which of course he strenuously denied.

Man of Many Parts.

The prosecution had attempted to throw discredit on the receipt for a deposit of \$100,000 in the Li Tung Bank in Swatow, whereas it was shown, from the occurrence of both defendants' names thereon, that it was a genuine deposit made, payable to Christie after certain obligations under an arms contract had been discharged. It was unfortunate that arrest should have occurred the day before this money was made payable to Christie.

Was it conceivable that Christie should have jeopardised a big arms deal, worth thousands of dollars to him, for the sake of seeking a paltry \$200 or \$300 in such risky circumstances as a morphia deal in this Colony? Mr. Leask regarded this as inconceivable in view of Christie's long sojourn in China, and his qualification as a shrewd man of many parts.

In concluding, Mr. Leask pointed out that it had been laid down that a police witness must be corroborated. There had been no corroboration of Au Yeung as the Police witness, because the second witness, Haynes could not be believed. Much of the evidence was merely dragged in to secure a conviction.

Dealing with the passports charge against Blumh, Mr. Leask said that Blumh, who was at one time a secretary to the Latvian Consulate at Hankow, had a *laissez passer* from the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Canton, but it was an unfortunate thing that it was written in Chinese and Blumh did not know that it was tenable for only one month. It was only during developments arising from the morphia charge that the Police discovered those documents and charged Blumh with not possessing a valid passport in addition to the other charge.

Mr. Leask concluding, said: I ask for their discharge. They have been in gaol since November 16, on two charges which no evidence could support.

Mr. King's Points.

Mr. King said, with regard to the question of *autre fois acquit* raised by Mr. Leask, he (Mr. King) would like to recall that in the other Court the learned Magistrate gave defendants an option.

"He was prepared to go on to deal with the case on the charge as it now stands before your Worship, but left it to the defendants to pursue that course or whether they elected to have a new trial. They chose the second alternative, and I think it is not quite in order for the suggestion of *autre fois acquit* to be made now."

Mr. Leask, interposing, said that the defendants were not pleading guilty to any of the two charges.

Referring to the evidence, Mr. King then proceeded to deal with the points raised by Mr. Leask. Mr. King said Haynes had reported heroin after the first interview with Christie, and the exact instructions to the Chinese Police Reservist were that he was to look for "drugs" generally. If "morphia" had been used, to denote heroin, it was the Chinese corruption of the word, (pronounced as "mo feh") by which was meant the generic term used by Chinese in reference to morphia, heroin and other allied drugs. The witness was clear that it was not oil otherwise the Chinese word for "oil" which was distinct from "mo feh," would have been used. If it was not drugs, then why should "Swiss" and other brands of morphia mentioned by Christie remain stuck in Au Yeung's mind and be reported to Police Headquarters after that interview?

The Pursuers.

It appeared to Mr. King that it was not Haynes, but the defendants, who were pressing and running after the other party to get business.

"Admittedly the second witness, Haynes' credit is shaky. He

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS BY THE CAPTAIN
SUPERINTENDENT.

A general inspection of the whole Police Reserve by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police accompanied by the Hon. Commissioner of Police will take place at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, January 31, at 5.15 p.m. sharp. All members are to attend.

Chinese Company.

All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at the Central Police Station on Thursday, January 12, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform. Caps. (without covers). Belts need not be worn. No truncheons.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong section on Thursday, January 12, will start from the Central Police Station as usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform. Sharpshooters' Company.

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admits that in the box, but could a man placed as Haynes was go into the box and deliberately tell a string of untruths for which he could be bowled out every time? He admitted frankly that he had been convicted before. It was no light task for him to go into the box. I suggest there was some other interest than one of purely personal spite that made him go into the witness-box and give his evidence as he did. Taking his attitude I submit that while his past has been shaky, and his credit is shaky in some respects, his evidence has been entirely sustained right through."

Mr. King refuted the suggestion that Haynes wanted to get into the arms deal and that at the last moment when he saw he had no chance of doing so had gone to the police with his information to save his own skin. Drugs came into the deal because the defendants knew that if they defaulted on this, the buyer would have no redress. He could not go to the police and report on a matter of which the consequences would be visited on him as much as on the defaulters. This supplied the key-motive of the defendants' actions during the whole case, added Mr. King.

The Master Mind.

"Christie has been the master mind. They could not put forward the second defendant Blumh as the principal, and that was why he remained more or less in the background during those interviews, being later introduced as the seller. Throughout the whole case, the relations between Christie and Blumh are stressed in the Sonaky letters, Blumh calling Christie "Popsky" and himself "Sonaky."

In giving his decision, Major Willson said Christie had said in evidence that if Au Yeung was capable of telling one lie, by saying he could not speak English, he was capable of telling others in the Court. His Worship viewed that it was a necessary untruth for the purposes of the Police work, and therefore Christie's allegation was one which need not be taken into consideration.

His Worship agreed with Mr. King in his point that the defendants knew the prospective drug buyer could have no redress if they defaulted on the undertaking to procure drugs, and had made their plans accordingly.

His Worship found both defendants guilty of the charge sentencing Christie to four months' hard labour and Blumh to three months, to date from November 16, the date of their arrest.

Blumh was also fined \$50, or an additional four weeks, if he failed to pay the fine, on the passports charge, an order being made for his expulsion from the Colony after his sentence had been served.

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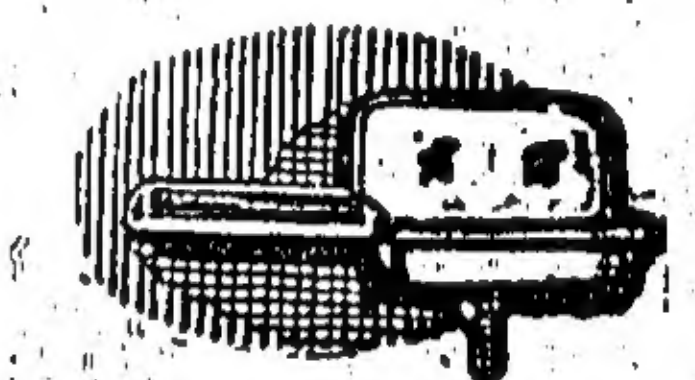
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Mr. Richard Walter Ward and his bride, Miss Linda Mary Green de Woolfeon, whose wedding took place at H. B. M. Consulate-General Shanghai, recently.



Group taken outside Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, after the wedding of Mr. Alexander Moore and Miss Betty Ann Grenhill. The best man was Mr. C. Moore and the flower girl Miss Annie Dally. Mrs. E. Loureiro was matron of honour.



Bridal group, taken after the wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai, recently, of Major Douglas Gordon Cheyne, M.C., M.D., R.A.M.C., and Miss Helen Mary Lawrence. The best man was Capt. P. A. Stewart, R.A.M.C., and the bridesmaid Miss Phyllis Morgan.



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An enjoyable "Father and Son" dinner was given at the Shanghai Y. M. C. A. recently by members of the Community Church. It was a well-attended affair as may be seen from the above photo. A swim for the boys preceded dinner, and afterwards an address was delivered by Admiral Mark L. Bristol.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 26th January, to Thursday, 9th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

L. S. GREENHILL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1928.

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(ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONGKONG.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in Mr. D. J. Lewis' office, (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), Prince's Buildings, on Friday, 13th January, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and the Statement of Accounts for the past year.

(b) To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

(c) To consider the manner in which St. David's Day shall be celebrated.

All persons of Welsh nationality whether members or not are invited to attend.

Dated the 5th January, 1928.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,

Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the Norwegian Consulate has removed its offices to the Bank of Canton Building, 5th floor.

SVERRE BERG, Consul.

NOTICE.

Having resigned, my position as manager for Messrs. Thoresen & Co., Ltd., my interest in and connection with that firm ceases from to-day.

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A reception to welcome the Rev. A. and Mrs. Swann will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 4.30 the same afternoon.

The Church Body extend a cordial invitation to all interested in the work of the Cathedral to be present on this occasion.

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In the event of consignees not taking delivery of the under-mentioned goods by the 23rd January, they will be sold by public auction to defray cost of storage, etc.

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"Hector"	BM	2 Kegs Soda	10.11.26
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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 12th to 18th January 1928.

High Water. Low Water.

Date	Time	Height	Time	Height
12th	11.22 a.m.	6.2	5.15 p.m.	1.4
13th	12.08 p.m.	6.3	4.58 p.m.	1.5
14th	1.01 p.m.	6.4	3.58 p.m.	1.6
15th	2.01 p.m.	6.5	2.58 p.m.	1.7
16th	3.08 p.m.	6.6	1.58 p.m.	1.8
17th	4.21 p.m.	6.7	1.04 a.m.	1.9
18th	5.38 p.m.	6.8	12.01 a.m.	2.0

BRITISH TROOPS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. A. Hopkinson (Ind. Mossley) protested against any suggestion that his constituents, because of serious unemployment, would oppose sending an expeditionary force to protect British lives at Shanghai.

Mr. J. Hudson (Soc. Huddersfield)—Would Mr. Hopkinson be prepared to put that point of view to his constituents at the next election?

Mr. Hopkinson—Yes. I would ask them. "Would you prefer to have your full day's work and wages at the cost of the lives of your fellow-countrymen?"

Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy urged that the international community in Shanghai should be invited to make a substantial contribution towards the cost of the troops. He protested against the handing over of "Communist" refugees to their political opponents for torture and execution.

Mr. Lloyd George (L. Carnarvon Boroughs) said he was firmly of opinion that, under the conditions which arose early in the year, no Government could have shirked its responsibility and abstained from sending troops to Shanghai. It would have been wrong and utterly foolish if the intention had been to back up one of the rival generals or "bandits," but the Foreign Secretary gave an undertaking on the part of the Government that there would be no interference of that kind, and that the Force was sent purely for the purpose of protecting the lives of British citizens.

It was probable the Government had sent too large a force, but the fault was of the right kind, as to have despatched too small a force might have led to a disaster of the first magnitude, which would have resounded throughout the East.

He asked the Government how long they thought it would be necessary to maintain the troops in China.

Patience the Solution.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, replying on the discussion, said that the Government had made it perfectly clear that their policy was to abolish the so-called unequal treaties, and they were really waiting until they could find someone in whom they could negotiate.

It had been suggested that they should call a meeting of the Chinese leaders. (Laughter.) He could imagine no meeting less likely to arrive at a common conclusion. Nearly all the leaders in China were at present fighting against each other.

The Government were disappointed indeed that there was no improvement in China. He thought the general conditions throughout China were worse than they were a few months ago. The Government policy was one of peace and conciliation. They were prepared to grant China tariff autonomy. They had granted her the Washington sur-taxes in the face of the opposition of all the other Powers, and especially Japan. They were prepared to modify the municipal administration in all the British concessions, surrender many privileges in order to meet Chinese modern aspirations and surrender "Welsh" directly they could get someone to negotiate with. But for the war that place would have been given over long ago.

The only solution was patience. The Government could not allow the lives of their fellow-subjects to be in jeopardy. British troops were merely there in the character of a police force. The Government were anxious to withdraw them, directly some kind of Government was arrived at in China, able and willing to exercise some kind of control. Meanwhile it was their obvious duty to keep troops in China so long as British lives and property were in danger.

Commodore King said that when the reduction of troops was completed the total numbers of the expeditionary force in China would not exceed 13,000. Such a force could hardly be described as terrorising the whole nation, seeing that 1,500,000 Chinese were said to be under arms. The Indian troops were lent by the Indian Government as a matter of urgency, and were returned to India at the earliest possible moment.

The estimate was agreed to by 242 votes to 103.

Eastern custom was observed at the launch of the Jaladuta (8,000 tons, Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Bombay) at Lithgow's yard, Port Glasgow, when flowers were placed on the bows, the swastika good luck sign was painted on the hull, and a coconut was broken against the vessel's side.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1185 sa.
Chartered Bank, \$21. b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$324 n.
P. and O. \$10 n.
East Asia, \$72 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$590 b.
Union Ins., \$2

DELIBERATE BREACH.

JUNKMASTER HEAVILY FINED.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. C. F. Hole, Chai Hee Lee, the master of a cargo junk, was charged with (a) attempting to leave the port without a clearance on January 10 and (b) carrying 14 passengers in excess of the number allowed by license. Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

His Worship took a serious view of the case, as under the circumstances, he said, it appeared that the breach of regulations was deliberate.

On the first charge a fine of \$25 with the alternative of three weeks imprisonment was inflicted and on the second charge a fine of \$70, (\$5 for each passenger in excess) with the alternative of 10 weeks imprisonment. In the event of fines not being paid, sentences to run consecutively.

Being unable to pay the fines, accused was committed to gaol.

MR. WANG CHING-WEI.

ENTERTAINED IN SINGAPORE.

When the French steamer passed Singapore on December 29th there was on board Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Nanking Government. He was accompanied by his private secretary and Marcellus was their destination. According to his original scheme, Mr. Wang proposed to leave with his wife, who was known in Singapore as Miss Tan Pik Koon, but was unable to do so. She will probably leave Shanghai and pass through here in a week or two. Miss Tan Pik Koon was a daughter of the late Mr. Tan Kheng Chuan of Penang and her mother is still present in Singapore.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei was met on board by Mr. Lee Chun, Chinese Consul-General at Singapore and several others including his mother-in-law. He was invited to ashore and spent a little while at Tong Bo and Co., Robinson Road, before proceeding to attend a reception given in his honour by Mr. Lim Nee Song, which was held at noon in the Ho Hean Club, 43, Bukit Pasoh Road. Those present at the reception were the Chinese Consul, Mr. Tan Kah Kee and others.

In the Club, Mr. Wang gave an address on the Chinese political conditions, and the reason why he was leaving China for France. He returned to the steamer in the evening accompanied by Mr. Tan Kah Kee with whom Mr. Wang had a conversation before sailing from Singapore.

"LA BOHEME."

DRAWING BIG HOUSES.

The film adaptation of "La Boheme" was witnessed on its return to the Queen's Theatre by large audiences at yesterday's shows. The tragic story of Mimì and Adolphe in the Latin Quarter of Paris is too well-known to need repetition.

The picture is all that it should be, and in the casting of the principal roles, Lillian Gish, John Gilbert and Roy D'Arcy ideally fit into their parts. The last screenings of the picture will take place to-day, and it should not be missed.

Consequent on the departure on leave of Mr. L. H. Elphinstone, the Attorney-General of Ceylon, who was to have been a judge in Malaya, Mr. M. T. Akbar, the Solicitor-General, has taken the oath as acting Attorney-General. Mr. Akbar is a Ceylon Malay.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Darned Net.

EXTREMELY EASY TO EXECUTE.

Darning on gauze or net in colour makes a very attractive trimming. It is extremely easy to execute, and, as the mesh of the net may be large or fine, there is no danger of eye-strain caused by looking too closely into the work.

Motifs and strips of darned net trim the ends of table runners or cushions, and collars and pockets for frocks. A plain coat of boudoirs may be trimmed with a wide band of net darned in many colours around the hem.

On Bed Spreads. The coarse type of embroidery is effectively used on a bed spread. The corners may be filled in with large square or triangular motifs, while another strip is applied to the centre of the spread. Very coarse linen, either coloured or of a neutral, unbleached shade, makes an attractive background, and the net may also be of a neutral colour, darned in various shades, with the background either left as it is, or darned in colour.

Tapestry wool, which is obtainable in the loveliest and softest of shades, is the best medium to use for this work. If you cannot draw the pattern yourself, you will be able to purchase a transfer design. Choose a bold "open" pattern with a heavy line. If the motif is quite small tack the net on to the paper design and work over it. For a large motif, it is easier to stamp the design on a stiff piece, of course, visible through the net.

Variety of Stitches. Each part of the design is worked separately in a different coloured thread which is woven in and out of the mesh of the net. The stitch may be varied by weaving the thread perpendicularly, instead of horizontally, or by weaving under one thread and over two.

Be sure to keep the net and the calico separately, so that when the backing is pulled away, the calico pattern comes off. This is quite an easy matter if a blunt needle is used.

The edges of the motif are turned back and a border, consisting of several rows of weaving, makes a good finish.

Duchess Sings.

DOLL FOR BABY PRINCESS.

London, Dec. 2. The Duchess of York joined heartily in the singing by 850 children of "Pack Up Your Troubles," at the Christmas Festival of the Sunshine Guild at Paddington Baths last night.

And when the children struck up "The More We Are Together," she took part in that roystering chorus also.

The children, drawn from poor homes in the West of London, had had tea before the arrival of the Duchess, and had passed the time of waiting in community singing. The platform was decorated with white and yellow chrysanthemums, the colours of the League, and each of the little guests wore a badge of those colours.

Parents of the children, accommodated in the gallery, waved a greeting to the Duchess, and she waved in reply.

"Sunshine Fairy's" Gift. The Bishop of London thanked the Duchess on behalf of the children, and added, "You have brought sunshine with you."

A little "Sunshine Fairy," Erica Arthey, presented the Duchess with a doll, dressed in white fur, for Princess Elizabeth, and the Duchess held it in her arms during the rest of the proceedings.

A Play Surprise.

FAY COMPTON NOT LEAVING ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 7.

Negotiations for the production in America of Louis N. Parker's play "Queen Victoria," with Miss Fay Compton in the lead, have fallen through at the last moment.

Miss Compton was to have sailed for the United States next week, but on receipt of a cable she cancelled her passage yesterday and has made other plans.

"I do not know whether the production has been cancelled or

Sex Inequality.

HUSBAND STILL RESPONSIBLE.

Sex equality seems a very simple matter in theory, but it proves to be complicated in practice; and there are many cases in which the law overrides it completely.

Mr. Justice Swift has had to inform a jury that it could not give a verdict against a woman who was sued before him for slander without giving it also against her husband; and that damages found against her would be recoverable against him. Either the injured plaintiff must be left without re-

A Popular Felt Model.



The originality of the small model hat pictured above lies in a fringe of beige osprey which rests on the back of the neck and is finished off by two tufts on either cheek.

merely postponed," Miss Compton said last night.

"The news was a surprise, but I do not mind. I would rather play in England.

"I have made other plans which at the moment I cannot discuss, except to say that they are connected with the films."

It may be recalled that the Lord Chamberlain some weeks ago refused to license the play for production in this country, on the ground that it dealt with the reigning House.

Starting with Queen Victoria's accession, the play reproduces various episodes in her career up to the Jubilee in 1897. Fay Compton was to have taken the part of the Queen throughout from the age of 18 to 68.

dress, or a man whose only offence was marriage, must be found guilty of a tort.

Thus the law advances in one direction and lags behind in another. The old "man-made" law may have been one-sided, but it was logical. The husband owned his wife's property; he controlled her acts; and therefore he had to bear the full responsibility for all that she did wrong.

Now, he neither owns her property, nor has any shadow of control over her acts, but he is still responsible when she leaves the strait and narrow path. He has lost the privileges of a superior, but has retained the likeable obligations. Women in these respects have won their rights, and men have retained their wrongs.

A BRIGHT SHOW.

"GLOBE TROTTERS" AT KOWLOON.

There was a large and appreciative audience at the Star Theatre last night for the inaugural performance of the short season to be given by that refreshing band of entertainers, the "Globe Trotters." Under the inspiration of Dick Norton, last night's presentation of "Happy Moments" went with a real swing, every member of the Company ably co-operating with their versatile leader.

Consisting of songs, dances, pot-pourri and other concerted items, both in serious and lighter vein, the whole evening's entertainment was stamped with originality and ability, the audience not being slow to register its approval, and several of the numbers were repeated in response to the hearty applause.

Dick Norton is, of course, a host in himself, revealing a personality which maintains an atmosphere of "pop" and enthusiasm. The members of his Company enact their respective roles with much credit, the dancing and singing being especially good.

Miss Betty Norton proved to be a dainty comedienne with a captivating way, her singing and acting establishing her a great favourite.

The present season is but a short one, and those who appreciate a cheery evening are advised to visit the Star. The same programme will be repeated this evening, giving way to-morrow night to an entirely new change entitled "Scenes and Screens."

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. A. Duncan, third engineer, Chinhu, has gone third engineer, Shansi. Mr. G. J. Forster, third engineer, Shansi, has gone third engineer, Chinhu.

Mr. E. J. Eason, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Taming. Mr. W. T. Cromby, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, Kiangsu. Mr. D. Orr, second engineer, Kiangsu, is on Home leave.

Mr. A. B. Brown, sup'y third engineer, Taming, has gone sup'y third engineer, Taikoo Wan Yi.

Mr. D. H. Maxwell, second engineer, Tean, is on reserve.

Mr. A. E. Nixon, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Sinkiang. Mr. G. P. Butteridge, third engineer, Sinkiang, has gone third engineer, Wenchow.

Mr. C. E. V. Fayrer, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Kanchow. Mr. H. C. McKenna, second engineer, Kanchow, has gone second engineer, Tean.

Mr. R. Barclay, chief engineer, Anhui, has gone chief engineer, Kalgan. Mr. A. D. Armour, chief engineer, Kalgan, has gone chief engineer, Kwangchow. Mr. J. Robson, chief engineer, Kwangchow, has gone chief engineer, Anhui.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, sup'y chief engineer, Hsin Peking, has gone chief engineer, Wenchow. Mr. G. Cormack, chief engineer, Wenchow, has gone sup'y chief engineer, Nanking.

Mr. A. E. Bowler, second engineer, Tientsin, has gone sup'y second engineer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. F. H. Todd, second engineer, Whangpu, has gone second engineer, Wanchow.

Mr. A. MacGregor, from Home leave, has gone sup'y chief engineer, Hsin Peking.

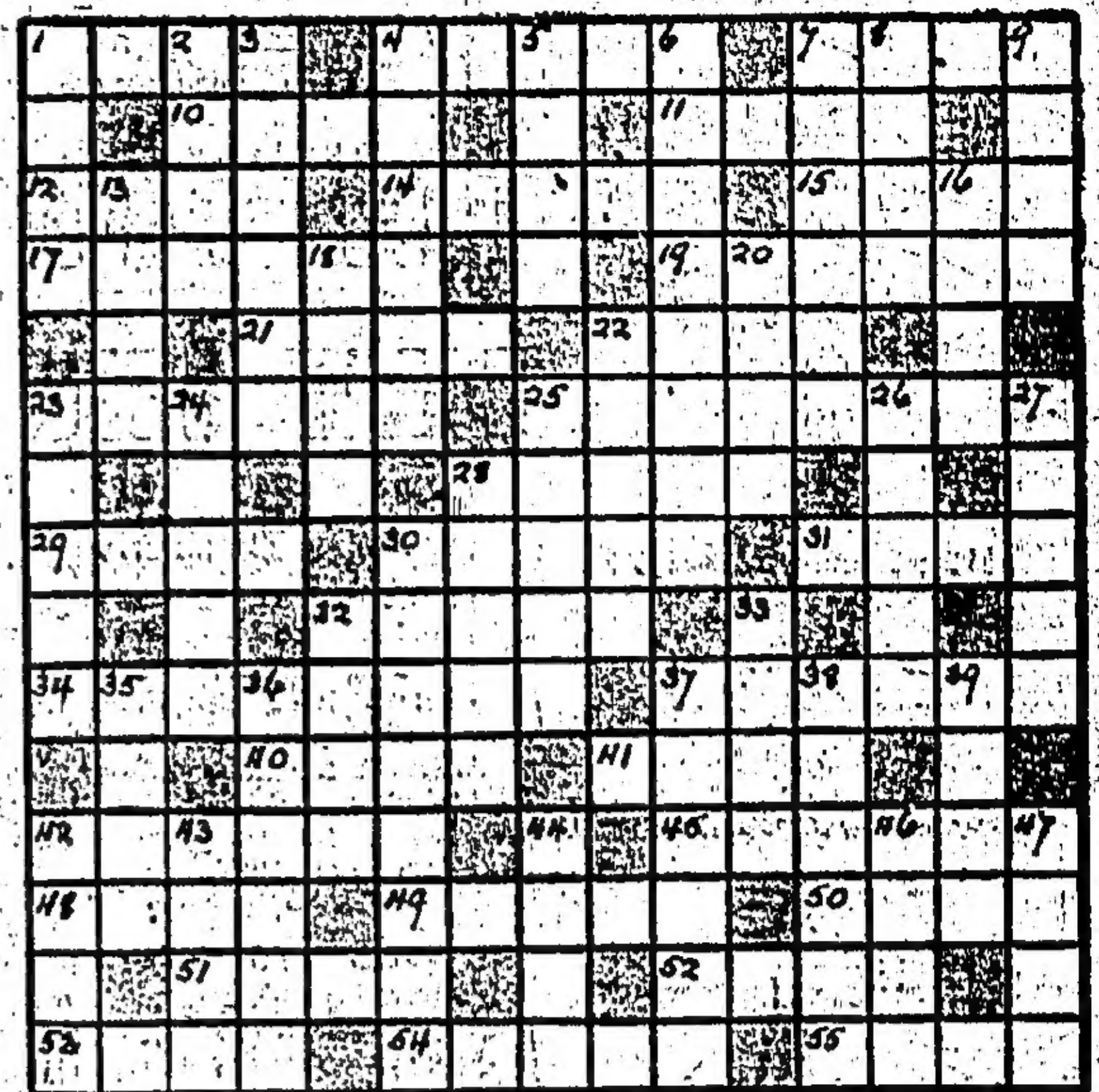
Mr. C. L. Crampton, from Home leave, has gone sup'y second engineer, Wanchow.

Captain P. R. Cumling, from reserve, has gone master, Mingyang. Captain S. J. Barden, of the Mingyang, is on reserve.

Mr. G. J. Lawson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kingwo.

Mr. G. E. F. Beck has been appointed sup'y second officer, Yanching—Shipping and Engineering.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Native boat.
- 4 Outer covering of the skull.
- 7 Fruit of the melon type.
- 10 Upper leather of a boot.
- 11 Cut with a sickle.
- 12 Pertaining to wings.
- 14 Apart.
- 15 Cease to possess.
- 17 More ferocious.
- 19 Drinks to the success of.
- 21 Evening (Poetical).
- 22 Article of food.
- 23 Caught by a trap.
- 25 Calloped moderately.
- 28 Discovers.
- 29 Reluctant.
- 30 Throatle.
- 31 Whirl rapidly.
- 32 Monies paid for journeys.
- 34 Abandoned.
- 37 Placid.
- 40 Not any.
- 41 Beware (Poetical).
- 42 Male hawk.
- 45 Official enumeration of population.
- 48 Yard.
- 49 Nobleman.
- 50 Prescribed amount.
- 51 So be it.
- 52 Furnished with eyes.
- 53 Splendour.
- 54 Desecrated.
- 55 Water that drops from the clouds.

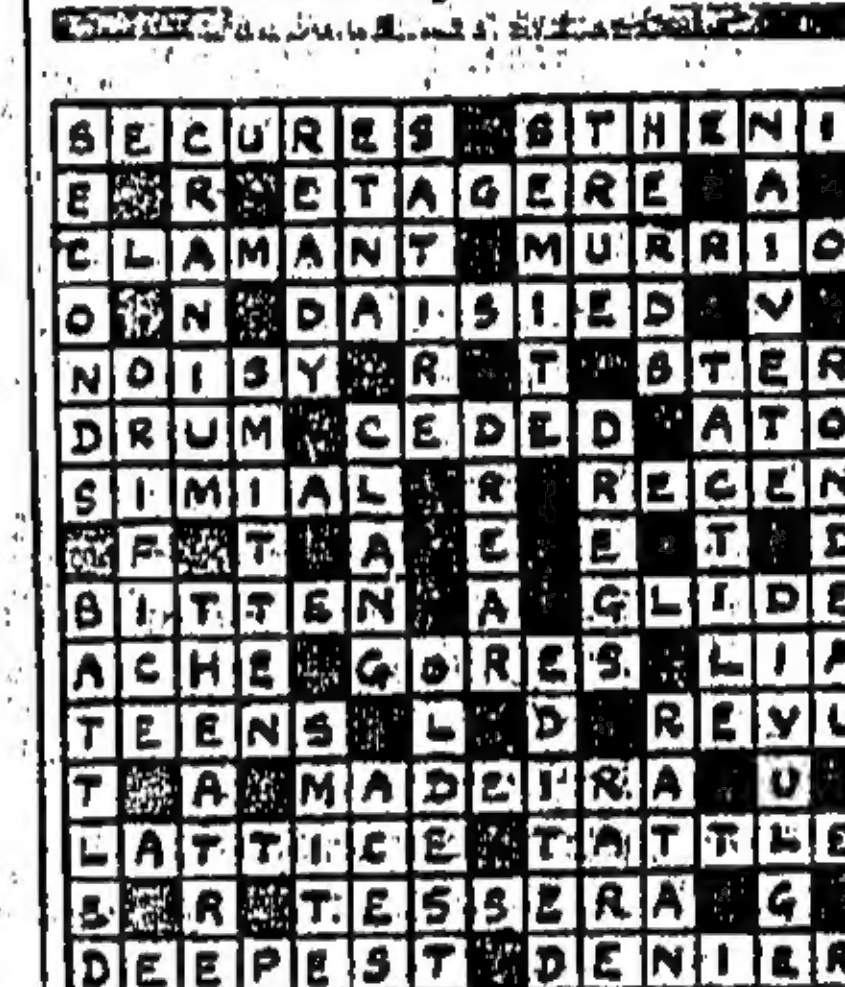
Down.

- 1 Sketch.
- 2 Elliptical.
- 3 Prison door-keeper.
- 4 Dispensed with.
- 5 Eager.
- 6 Alleges falsely.
- 7 Taste.
- 8 Epic poem.
- 9 Minerals consisting of a metal and another substance.

13 Legal claim (Law).

- 16 Inflammatory tumour.
- 18 Always.
- 20 Cereal plants producing grain.
- 22 Sealy anti-eater.
- 23 Firm.
- 24 Change.
- 25 Species of wild cat.
- 26 Indian denomination of money.
- 27 Ignoramus.
- 28 Mere show.
- 30 Continent.
- 32 Large mass of floating ice.
- 33 In this place.
- 35 Bore.
- 36 Make a camp.
- 37 Holy.
- 38 Furnish.
- 39 Intellect.
- 42 Ram tight with a substance.
- 43 Twenty quires.
- 44 Spiritual being (myth).
- 46 Protoxide of metal sodium (Chem.).
- 47 Net.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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ACCOUNTANT SENT TO PRISON.

PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT.

The accountant of the Chung Sing Loong shop, of No. 4, Chung Ching Street, West Point, was charged this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, with the embezzlement of \$77.43, being the property of the shop.

It was stated by the police, who were prosecuting, that the amount represented nineteen different sums of money which the defen-

dant had collected between December 24th and January 5th.

Defendant pleaded guilty, but explained that he had eye trouble and took the money to obtain medical advice.

In reply to his Worship, defendant said that he earned \$20 a month, and his board and keep were provided by the shop where he was employed.

The police told his Worship that when arrested, the defendant admitted the embezzlement without hesitation. He had \$2.11 on him at that time.

Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was imposed.

By Blosser.

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BIRTH.

MARTIN.—At the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, on 10th January, 1928, to Enid, the wife of A. J. J. Martin, a son. (Shanghai papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1928.

HONGKONG'S PART.

Monday's Congregation of the University of Hongkong was made noteworthy by the delivery of two remarkably fine and scholarly orations by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of that institution. Mr. Hornell had much that was pointed and pertinent to say in regard to the universal and irresistible demand for education, in which regard he took the superficially-minded gently to task; whilst H. E. the Chancellor eloquently drew lessons from the past when he took as his subject the metaphorical making of bricks without straw, and utilised the occasion to point a timely moral alike to the members of the Congregation, the graduates and the under-graduates present.

It is true, as Mr. Hornell was at pains to point out, that the very people who argue most volubly that there is "too much education" are usually those who are most anxious to see to it that their sons and daughters are given the best possible equipment, mentally and otherwise, with which to face life's problems. We have all met the type of individual to whom the Vice-Chancellor was referring—the man who declares that education is the source of most of the present-day unrest, but who, none the less, wants the very best he can get for his own offspring. The mental make-up of such critics would make an interesting study though we suggest that their wholesale condemnation of education as applied to others is rather in the nature of loose and unthinking chatter than a true reflection of what they believe. It may be, of course, that when these people talk of "too much education," they mean "too little." In which connexion Mr. Hornell made an apt observation when he spoke of the art suffering from the limitations of its media and referred to the danger to the community of "the half-educated man or woman whose head is stuffed with half-baked and wholly undigested conceits."

His Excellency the Chancellor did well when he urged that the best possible use should be made by the University of such facilities

as it possesses. That was the burden of his address, and in his remarks to the members of the Congregation and his student-listeners he improved the moment by the earnestness of his appeal.

His final words to the young Chinese imbibing learning and knowledge at the University are well worth repeating:—"May your country's dire distress be to you both a clarion-call and an inspiration; and may your training in this University fit you, one and all, to come to the rescue of a civilisation, once the admiration of the world, but now falling ruin before your eyes." In those earnest words, His Excellency summed up one of the ideals of our local University. If Hongkong can turn out from its premier educational establishment young men fired with such an ambition, then our University will not have been founded in vain. In the past, this Colony has served as an inspiration for some of China's leaders who are now dead and gone. Amongst these may be counted the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who himself once admitted here that his desire to do something for his country sprang from what he saw to be possible in the example set to the Chinese by British rule in Hongkong. Finally, let it also be remembered that apart from the benefits which our University may confer on the individual, it can and does serve the further purpose of illustrating that British presence in the Far East, so far from being what its detractors would have the world believe, is helping to hold aloft the torch by whose rays China may find the road to eventual salvation.

Canton Future's.

The Canton merchants who organised and attended Monday's meeting connected with the stabilisation of Canton's paper currency were thereby, paying a distinct compliment to General Li Chai-sum. The discussion revealed two things, in particular. First, that the emergency measures adopted by the Kwangsi leader on his return have already had the effect of restoring confidence to an appreciable extent and have confirmed earlier impressions that he is imbued with a sense of political responsibility stronger than that of the majority of his predecessors. The second is the general acceptance of the fact that Li Chai-sum can do little to cope with the abnormal situation now prevailing, without co-operation. On his part, Li Chai-sum may be permitted satisfaction in that the merchants were able to give serious consideration to the flotation of a \$10,000,000 Treasury Loan without the laying too much stress upon the heavy burdens repeatedly forced upon them by succeeding regimes. The rehabilitation of Canton will take a long time, and the first step towards recovery is bound up with the currency problem. The city has been hard hit economically by the disastrous drop in the value of the Central Bank notes, and considerable financial support must be forthcoming as a bolster if a serious financial crisis is to be averted. Monday's special meeting passed certain resolutions, which, carried into effect, may be regarded as an achievement. One cannot express surprise at a certain chariness on the part of some representatives to indicate too keen an anxiety to dip into their pockets once again, but Li Chai-sum's assurance that part of the normal revenue will be devoted to loan repayments should satisfy most doubts. Certain it is that the new administration cannot fulfil its promises of peace and order in Canton without a *quid pro quo* in the form of public confidence.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 10.	
Paris	124
Brussels	34.14
Amsterdam	12.004
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.524
Helsingfors	19.34
Lisbon	2.27/64
Bucharest	7.02
Buenos Aires	47.13/48
New York	83.74
Geneva	25.29
Milan	92.15
Stockholm	18.11
Oslo	18.334
Prague	10.44
Madrid	28.324
Athens	33.74
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/64.1/8

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

NEATNESS AND ITS REVERSE, AMONG THE POOR, ARE ALMOST A CERTAIN TEST OF THEIR MORAL CHARACTER.—Dr. Whitaker.

Yesterday's health return shows one Chinese case of puerperal fever.

The Tai Hing, after overhaul and re-survey, will resume service on the West River run tonight.

H.M.S. Cornflower, which is coming out to relieve H.M.S. Hollyhock, arrived at Gibraltar on Monday.

Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., send us a useful office calendar issued by the Lloyd Trestino Company.

We have received from Messrs. Shawan, Tames and Co., Ltd., some extremely neat and handy little mirrors advertising Scott's Emulsion.

Amongst the passengers who left by the President Jefferson to-day were Dr. H. G. Earle, Dr. B. H. Mellon, Mr. D. Timmins, Mr. H. W. Ray and Mr. M. W. Stevens.

Captain McN.Morren of the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong resigned the captaincy of that vessel this morning owing to sickness. He has been succeeded in the command by Mr. D. Scully.

In connexion with the Hongkong Reel Club, a course of lessons in Highland dancing has been arranged. These will be held at the Helena May Institute and will commence on February 1st.

The sum of \$50, which has been given by "A Lady Sympathiser" towards the cost of a new Dogs' Home and which has been forwarded to the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was donated by Miss Sybil E. Joseph.

Mr. P. T. Lambie, who has just retired from the Government Civil Service after twenty-six years service, was a passenger on the Taiyoi Maru, which left yesterday. Mr. Lambie, who was seen off by a good many of his old colleagues, is settling down in Japan.

According to this morning's police reports, two Chinese maid servants employed at No. 21 Jubilee Street are being detained on suspicion by the police. Their alleged crime is said to be an attempt to poison their mistress, a woman named Tsang Kam-ze but no further details are available from the reports.

Capt. S. Mooney, master of the s.s. Namsang, which is lying alongside No. 2 Wharf, Kowloon Downs, made a report to the authorities last night to the effect that at 9.15 p.m. a Chinese male passenger, thirty-five years of age, a native of Amoy, fell overboard and was drowned. The unfortunate man was a passenger from Singapore to Amoy. His body has not yet been recovered.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 29 departures, leaving 65 vessels in harbour, British 19. Tonnage was comparatively low, with British vessels carrying the second best freights under both inward and through headings. Of the 17 vessels entered, five were in ballast, while there were only three inward registries above the 1,000 tons mark, and only seven vessels carried through cargo.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PASSING A MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—We shall be pleased if you will publish this letter in the interest of Hongkong motorists.

The following paragraph appears in your paper dated 10th inst.:—"His Worship said that the practice of waiting until the car in front signalled was universal in Hongkong."

Of course, it is well known that this is absolutely untrue, for most motorists never signal, but usually draw further over to their own side of the road at the sound of a horn. We presume that if the driver in front does not signal with his arm, either on account of ignorance or laziness, the fact of his drawing further over to his own side of the road would be considered sufficient. It is not reasonable to suppose that such a driver must be followed all the way to Repulse Bay or Castle Peak.

We wish to state that we have by no means found signalling a universal practice in Hongkong. Yours, etc.,

FOUR MOTORISTS.
Hongkong, January 10, 1928.

DEPARTURE OF DR. J. B. ADDISON.

WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT TO THE SEYCHELLES.

With the departure of Dr. J. B. Addison, M.B.E., from the Colony yesterday Hongkong loses one of the most lovable of men. Simple and unassuming and always ready to do the good turn to anyone, he was not widely known to the Colony at large, apart from his official work.

He came to the Colony no longer a young man to take over the responsible position of Principal Civil Medical Officer, and served for a time as a Member of the Legislative Council. His premature departure from the Colony on the grounds of ill health is regretted by a large circle of friends who miss a kindly and warm-hearted man, and hope he will benefit in health by the well-earned rest in his retirement in the Seychelles.

Particularly will his unfailing tact and sympathy be missed by the members of his own Department, who congregated with some friends to the Blake Pier yesterday afternoon to wish him good-speed. The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Colonial Secretary and Mr. D. W. Trautman, Asst. Colonial Secretary, were amongst the group of friends who went on board the s.s. "Kalyan" to say good-bye.

Previously at Seychelles.

Before coming to Hongkong, Dr. Addison, who holds the degrees of M.R.C.S., Eng., and L.R.C.P., London, spent many years of his life at Seychelles. He was appointed Assistant Medical Officer of the Islands in 1907, and in 1908 was made Chief Medical Officer. He remained in the Seychelles until 1924 when he came to Hongkong to take over the duties of P.M.O.

Dr. Addison is 53 years of age, and it is to be hoped he will be spared to enjoy peaceful retirement for many years to come.

NEW SOLICITOR FOR HONGKONG.

MR. C. E. L. GRIST ADMITTED TO PRACTICE.

In the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. C. E. L. Grist, son of Mr. E. J. Grist, a former well known local solicitor now living at Home, was admitted to practice in the court as a solicitor and proctor. There were present Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. J. T. Prior, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones (all of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, with which firm Mr. Grist has been associated) and Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., Mr. A. E. Hall and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, the latter four being before the court in connexion with a case.

In making the application for the admittance of Mr. Grist the Attorney General, Sir Joseph Kemp, said Mr. Grist was the son of an old and valued friend of many of them. Mr. E. J. Grist, who was admitted to the court in 1891, and practised among them for many years. Mr. Grist has passed his final examination recently and a certificate had been obtained showing that he was a fit person to be so admitted.

His Lordship said:—"I have great pleasure in admitting you to be a solicitor and proctor of this court. You bear a name which is very well known in the community and I am sure the traditions associated with your name will be maintained by you."

Mr. Grist then received the good wishes of those present.

FIRE BRIGADES BUSY.

KOWLOON MOTOR BUS AFIRE.

The Central Fire Station received two alarms last night from the Western District. The first call occurred shortly before nine o'clock, when a message was received to the effect that a fire had broken out in Sai Yuen Lane, West Point. The fire engine rushed to the spot, only to find that the alarm was a false one.

After the Brigade had returned to the Fire Station, another call came through from No. 58, Second Street, first floor. When the engine arrived, it was discovered that the fire was a small one, some blankets and bed boards having been set alight, and that the inmates of the house had already extinguished the fire before the arrival of the firemen.

In Kowloon, motor bus 87, belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, caught fire at 9.15 p.m. yesterday near the railway bridge at Hung Hom. The fire was due to the bursting of a gasoline pipe in the car's engine. The Kowloon Fire Brigade soon appeared. The bus was badly damaged, but fortunately no one was injured.

The Very Idea!

A business man, calling on a Scottish broker in the city, noticed that the slow hesitating conversation for which Mac had been noted had disappeared.

"Why, Mac, you've lost your stutler," he exclaimed in amazement.

"Aye," was the dour reply, "I've been doin' a lot of telephoning to America lately."

A scene occurred at Westminster Police Court when a separation order was granted against William Bolt, a motor driver, of Ebury Bridgeroad, Pimlico, who was summoned by his wife for desertion. Mrs. Bolt had taken a seat at the back of the court, and after the magistrate's decision was given Bolt strode towards her and struck her a violent blow in the face.

Bolt was seized by a warder and taken before the magistrate, who sentenced him to twenty-one days' hard labour for the assault.

An old farmer who had never listened to a wireless set was persuaded to do the head phones.

"You don't know what you're missing, uncle," said his nephew. "It is a wonderful invention. Got the ear-phones right? Well, then, I'll just switch on the—"

Suddenly there was a splitting, crackling streak of lightning, followed by a loud peal of thunder. The old farmer sprang up out of his chair and fell on the floor. He came to half an hour later.

"Good heavens," were his first words. "Maggie—and she's been dead thirty years!"

The price of electricity is still too high.—Sir Andrew Duncan, chairman, Central Electricity Board.

Canada is "experiencing a healthier growth than any other country in the world."—Mr. R. M'Kenna.

We need less amusement, less time off for sport, and more real work.—Mr. H. P. Curtis.

The spirit in which work is done, and not its character, determines whether it is honourable or mean.—Sir John Marriott, M.P.

"Can any boy guess for how much this jewel is insured?" asked the Lord Mayor, Sir Rowland Blades, displaying his emblem of office to 450 boys of Sir George Monoux School, Witham, whom he and the Lady Mayress entertained at the Mansion House. "There is no price," the Lord Mayor went on. "I cannot offer you any of our pieces of plate because they don't belong to me. But imagine this is an auction, and I am an auctioneer." "£15,000," suggested one of the boys. "£20,000," cried another. A third boy gave the correct answer, "£12,000." The Lord Mayor told the boys that the jewel was made in the first year of Edward VI's reign, while the chain from which it hung, embodying the Tudor rose, was older still.

Reveller, at Marlborough-street: I was slightly illuminated. Mr. Hay Halkett (magistrate): That is a new expression.

Tenant, at Willesden: I gave my landlord notice yesterday instead of the rent, and he says it will not do. Willesden man, contemptuously: Do I look like a man who would be drunk on three half pints?

Midland witness: I walked down the road, temporarily unconscious. Solicitor, to a landlord at Bow County Court: You complain of noise in the house; what noise? Landlord: Just ordinary—a woman's voice.

Bill arrived at work with a curious, elongated sort of pie, whose peculiar appearance attracted the attention of his mates.

"Wot yer got, Bill?" one of them asked.

"The missus is away," said Bill, "so I made meself a pie."

"Rummy sort o' pie," commented his interrogator, looking at it. "Bit long, ain't it?"

"Course it's long, yer fool," said Bill irritably. "Owd yer expect me to get the rhubarb in if it weren't?"

The problem of the correct wear when a Cabinet Minister is invited to dinner has been exercising members of the Middlesex Federation of Ratepayers' Associations.

The federation propose to invite Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, to their annual dinner, and the question arose whether evening or morning dress should be worn.

Supporters of the evening dress party argued that the presence of a Cabinet Minister made formal clothes imperative.

This view was countered by the "antis," who said that evening dress would make them look more like plutocrats than people who needed relief from the growing burden of taxation.

It was eventually decided that evening dress will be optional.

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THE GAS THEFT CASE.

REMEDIOS GOES BACK TO GAOL.

AN UNAVAILING PLEA.

A.A. Remedios, a former employee of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, who had been granted a remand from Victoria Gaol where he was serving a sentence of four weeks' hard labour, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, when Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro made an unsuccessful appeal to his Worship for a mitigation of the sentence.

It will be recalled that a remand was granted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell in order that Remedios might give such information as would induce the Gas Company to ask his Worship to reduce the sentence.

Addressing his Worship this morning, Mr. D'Almada said his Worship would recall a letter addressed to a certain party by Mr. Blackburn regarding the unfortunate man, wherein a suggestion was contained that if the defendant was in a position to furnish the Gas Company with such information as would enable them to trace certain pilferage, they would approach the authorities regarding the release of the defendant.

Since Remedios had been remanded, he had given all the information he could to the police and to Mr. T. H. King. Mr. D'Almada said that he felt sure Mr. King would agree with him that the defendant was not withholding any information, which he was in a position to give.

"Nothing New."

The information supplied by Remedios was sent on to the Gas Company who then stated that there was nothing new about it. Mr. D'Almada said that only this morning, defendant had furnished him with some more details of possible pilferage, and he invited his Worship to read what the defendant had written.

His Worship indicated that that did not directly interest him as he was not concerned with the information.

Mr. D'Almada, proceeding, said the defendant, who was the father of seven children, would not be so foolish as to withhold or conceal any person or persons' names, only to return to prison for three weeks. The fact was that the defendant did not know the names the Company were seeking.

His Worship:—A man would prefer to go to gaol rather than give away his associates.

Mr. D'Almada:—A father of seven children, whose name is already mud, would hardly wish to go to gaol to save his associates. The people in the Gas Company are not his relations.

Dismissed Fitters.

Mr. D'Almada proceeded to explain that certain fitters of the Gas Company who were dismissed from the Company, now work on their own. He suggested that it was possible that these people, in conjunction with consumers, would be in a position to reduce any meter's registration or even to stop it altogether. These people could be identified with leakage.

Continuing, Mr. D'Almada said he was entirely in his Worship's hands, but he would like to state once again that the defendant had given what information he could, and he asked his Worship to remit the sentence, despite what the Gas Company stated.

Mr. T. H. King, D. C. I. said the Gas Company had communicated with the police, with the result that a European officer went to see Mr. Blackburn, who tabulated a number of questions which were put to the defendant. The answers were sent to the manager of the Gas Company who wrote to Mr. King thus: "The information contained in your report is of no use to the Company, and, under the circumstances, I cannot recommend any remission of his sentence."

Mr. King said the police were entirely outside the matter in one sense and he was not in a position to say whether or not the defendant was withholding any information at all.

His Worship:—I let the defendant out on bail to see whether he could give the Company such information as might induce them to ask me to reduce the sentence. He has apparently failed to do so, and I therefore sentence him to go back to gaol for a further three weeks.

FAIR WEATHER.

OBSERVATORY FORECAST FOR TO-MORROW.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone over China has strengthened considerably. It is now central over the lower Yangtze Valley.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.

The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

HANKOW CHANGE.

WAR AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS.

LABOUR PICKETS DISARMED.

Hankow, Dec. 30.

The long drawn-out strike of the employees of the Central China Post has at last come to a close, having terminated in a complete victory for the paper. The employees, or such as the management has agreed to reinstate, are all back at work under the old terms of agreement, and with the chief mischief-makers weeded out from amongst the staff there is little likelihood of a recurrence of trouble.

The settlement of the strike was directly due to the recent anti-Communist drive by the local authorities and to the stoppage of all intimidation on the part of the labour unions. Numbers of the latter institutions have been forced to close down and those which are allowed to carry on are absolutely forbidden to collect or extort subscriptions from members, so that, without funds and, should the present regime continue, their end is merely a matter of time.

Russians to be Deported.

The Russian men who have been held by the authorities for the past two weeks were released this morning with the exception of M. Glatz of the Dalbank and M. Yessin, Soviet Trade Representative. It is stated that the two latter will be deported. It will be recalled that the women were all released at this time last week.

In the meantime, the round-up of Chinese Communists continues, though executions are not being carried on on quite such a whole-sale scale as formerly. The authorities are particularly active in Wuchang, where the presence of a considerable number of radical students gives call for attention.

Rounding Up Communists.

In its issue of January 1st, the Central China Post stated:—Hankow at the moment presents such a contrast to what it was before this paper ceased publication on account of the recent strike that there is hardly a necessity to continue this column on local conditions. General Hu Tsung-wu's action in rounding up Communist agitators has been so vigorous that the worst elements of these have either paid the penalty for their subversive activities, have fled from this danger zone, or are in hiding.

For months past there has been considerable talk of inaugurating this most necessary essential to peace; until now however it has been nothing more than talk, but General Hu's action in searching the various Unions for arms has already brought about a realisation of the fact that the proper persons to handle weapons of warfare are the military authorities and none but those.

Disarming the Pickets.

A manifesto issued on Friday whereby the labour unions are given a week in which to surrender all arms in their possession shows every sign of being obeyed, and the haul promises to be greater than was generally imagined. There seems no doubt but what the radical elements of the Unions now realise that the present garrison commander is one who does not waste time in idle talk and is determined that his orders issued with a view to the well being of all shall be obeyed.

The improvement in business is remarkable, particularly in native circles. The restoration of confidence while not so complete as would be the case given a certainty of a continuance of the present regime, has been such that merchants no longer conduct such business as they cared to risk surreptitiously but are now entering into contracts with a feeling of certainty that there is a prospect of carrying them out without interference by ignorant union officials which for many months now have strangled all attempts at business at its birth. Shops are open everywhere in all the Wuhan cities and merchants are looking forward to a far greater volume of New Year business than was anticipated two weeks ago, while all hope that the regime responsible for this welcome change will continue.

The London Opera Syndicate, who were responsible for the past three seasons of grand opera at Covent Garden, state that they have had nothing to do with the arrangements announced in the Press on November 19, to give a ten weeks' season of international opera at Covent Garden next summer, and that they are not connected with the new group formed for that purpose.

NICARAGUAN TOWN REVOLTS.

SERIOUS SITUATION NEAR FRONTIER.

MORE MARINES DESPATCHED.

New York, Jan. 10.

Messages from Managua report that a contingent of United States marines were despatched on Monday to Somotillo, a town near the frontier of Honduras, where a serious situation is reported to have developed.

Ten Nicaraguan National Guardsmen in company with a non-commissioned officer deserted on Sunday and joined the Honduran revolutionary General Peralta.

The American Marine Officer commanding the Somotillo detachment went to Villanueva to secure reinforcements but when he returned was unable to enter Somotillo as the whole populace had revolted. All communication with the town has been cut off, General Sandino's forces having destroyed the telegraph lines.—*Reuter's American Service.*

American Reinforcements.

Washington, Jan. 10.

With Major General Lejeune, commandant of the Marine Corps and General Feland who commands the expedition, 300 men have sailed from Charleston for Nicaragua on board the cruisers Trenton, Raleigh and Milwaukee.

Four hundred and ninety-two officers and men have embarked at San Diego and another 450 at Norfolk on the minesweeper Oglala.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FILM COMPANIES SUMMONED.

FOR STORAGE IN CHINA BUILDING.

The South Asia Film Company and the Hongkong and Kowloon Film Company were summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, for storing dangerous goods in their offices on the fifth floor of China Building. Both defendant companies were represented by Mr. Lam.

Inspector Ellis stated that Mr. Moss, Fire Station Officer, visited the defendants' offices on the 1st of last month, and found cinema films stored there. He also found a basket of film cuttings.

When Mr. Moss paid a second visit on the 17th December, the defendants were engaged in cleaning and repairing films. He reported to the police authorities, and he (Inspector Ellis) was instructed to take out a summons.

Apparently, said the Inspector, the films had been left there for a few days, the defendants being in the film exchange business. The premises were partitioned off in wood, which was a serious factor. The premises were not suitable for the storage of such goods, and no notice had been submitted to the C.S.P. of any intention to store films there.

His Worship: There is a recognised film company in that building. Inspector Ellis said that the defendants had carried on business in the building for some time, and, in reply to another question, he added that the Hongkong Amusements also had a place in the same building.

In reply to a further question, Inspector Ellis said eventually action would have to be taken against the Hongkong Amusements as well.

His Worship asked why earlier action against the Company had not been taken in view of their long established business in that building.

Inspector Ellis replied that the case had only recently been brought to his notice.

His Worship:—It seems unreasonable to proceed against a smaller concern when no action is taken against a bigger one. I don't propose to fine these people if no action is taken against a larger concern which is doing a much more considerable trade in the same building. I propose to adjourn the summons until next Wednesday to see what action has been taken with the larger concern.

Miss Frances Carson, the actress, who constantly appears before large audiences, was too nervous to make a speech at a meeting of the First Night Players' Club at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Great St. Andrew-street.

The special commission appointed last year to inquire into the safety of the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa reports that although the inclination is increasing the rate is so slow that the danger to its stability will only become imminent in 200 years' time.

MAKING HISTORY.

PRAYER BOOK DEBATE IN COMMONS.

NIGHT OF GREAT SPEECHES.

The following descriptive account of the historic debate in the House of Commons, on December 15th, when the House rejected the new Prayer Book, is by the Parliamentary representative of the London Morning Post:—

Westminster, Dec. 15. Parliament is in a glow of complacency this week. Is it not providing spectacles and making ecclesiastical history? Westminster counts up its quous with dignified satisfaction.

The Peers have so far monopolised public attention, but to-day it was the turn of the Commons to be hypnotic. The Revised Prayer Book was passed to them for examination and a second baptism by debate.

One can merely repeat former phrases about the suffocating assembly which came to participate and to watch. The floor was impassably crowded; the Galleries—Peers', Speaker's, Sergeant-at-Arms', Distinguished Strangers', Ladies', Public, and all other galleries and vantage points of what sort sewer—were stuffed, crammed, packed, overburdened.

A Different Air.

Divested of their lawn and black silk, relegated in appearance to the fallible, ordinary race of mortals, the Archbishops and several of the Bishops rallied to watch the end of a crusade to which they could no longer lend their strength. But (for the moral effect of frilled linen and grave cassock is not to be despised) they ought to have come to the Commons still robed, dwelling above the debate in significant discourse, an awesome visual rebuke to all the Measure's traducers.

The discussion and the subject were at first not so completely at home in the more business-like, secular environment of the Lower Chamber. The Lords' House is the cathedral of politics, fit for Cardinals; the Commons are content with a plain meeting house, more suited to a Quaker temperament.

It seemed at the outset, when Mr. Bridgman was moving the acceptance of the Prayer Book Measure, that the high subject was not to be meted out the same infinite respect that the Lords unfalteringly accorded it. The Socialists interrupted, cheered ironically, and laughed, at the First Lord of the Admiralty much as in the course of profane and daily politics.

"I hope," begged Mr. Bridgman, after twenty difficult minutes, "we may take this matter a little more seriously," and later, a second appeal came from the Speaker's Chair.

A Change of Mood.

Within half an hour a complete reversal of mood had swept the Commons. That was not due to any request; it was forced on the assembly by the sudden flame of oratory into which—each taking fire from the other—a succession of speeches kindled and burnt steadily. There have been great speeches in the House of Commons to-day—speeches which compare with historic levels of days long passed.

It therefore became possible to treat, without embarrassment or an oppressive sense of unsuitability, of profound, sacred, and veiled religious mysteries which scarcely emerged during the three days' debate—notable as that long debate was—in the other Chamber.

"Never have I made a speech under sense of greater responsibility and anxiety" were the Home Secretary's first words in opposition to the new Book. Perhaps that was the basic reason for Sir William Joynson-Hicks's accomplishment of the finest utterance during his membership of Parliament.

To him, "Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the way of the Sacramentarians." He came swiftly to the central bitter dispute over Reservation, arguing that a distinct change of doctrine was involved. Again and again he passionately accused the Archbishops and the Bishops of conniving in the illegalities they had promised "decisively, even sternly," to repress.

He condemned the Bishop of London for filling the Capital's churches with Anglo-Catholics; he arraigned the Primate as though he were standing at the Bar of the House instead of in the Peers' gallery. Lambeth Palace itself had preferred and promoted these illegal men over whom the mantle of legality was now being thrown.

Members glanced breathlessly from floor to gallery. It appeared that the Primate might almost have to rise in protest, might

(Continued on Page 11.)

LABOUR GAINS A BY-ELECTION.

A SPLIT CONSERVATIVE VOTE.

NATIONALIST SYMPATHISER.

London, Jan. 10.

The Northampton by-election, which took place owing to Sir Arthur Holland's death, resulted in a Labour gain.

The result was:—Lieut.-Col. L'Estrange Malone (Labour), 15,156. Captain Renton (Conservative), 14,554. Mr. Cope Morgan (Liberal), 9,575. Mr. Hallwood (Independent Conservative), 1090.—*Reuter.* [The late Sir A. Holland (Conservative) was returned at the last election with a majority of 971.]

The New Member.

The new member, Lt.-Col. Cecil L'Estrange has had a rather remarkable career. He was M.P. (O. L.) East Leyton, 1918-22; born in 1890; son of late Rev. Saville L'Estrange Malone. He was educated at Cordwainers, Maidenhead; R.N. College, Dartmouth and entered Royal Navy, 1905; selected to undergo flying course at Eastchurch (the 2nd course approved by the Admiralty), 1911; took part in Army Manoeuvres, flying a twin-engined triple-screwed Short biplane, 1912; flew off floc'sie of H.M.S. London steaming 12 knots; commanded R.N.A.S. units in raid on Cuxhaven, December 26th, 1914 (despatches); in command H.M.S. Ben-my-Chree, March 1915; served in Dardanelles campaign till final evacuation (despatches); aeroplane carrying torpedoes were used for the first time on record, and three seaplanes from H.M.S. Ben-my-Chree successfully torpedoed three enemy vessels, 1916; commanded East Indies and Egypt Seaplane Squadron (Order of the Nile); appointed to Plans Division Admiralty, 1918; First British Air Attache, British Embassy, Paris, and Air Representative Supreme War Council, Versailles, 1918; Chairman of Executive Committee Industrial Reconstruction Council, Secretary Industrial Councils Parliamentary Committee, Air Service Parliamentary Committee; Founder and Chairman Radio Association.

Agent for Chen.

It will be remembered that last year the name of Lieut.-Col. L'Estrange Malone was prominently connected with the "Chinese Information Bureau" established in London as an agency of Mr. Eugene Chen, who was at that time Foreign Minister at Hankow. Mr. R. F. O. Bridgman, formerly in the British diplomatic service, was associated with him in the matter, the object of the Agency being to conduct propaganda, at Home on behalf of the Nationalist cause.

London, Jan. 10. Polling was extraordinarily heavy at the Northampton by-election, no less than 83 per cent. of the electorate going to the poll.—*British Wireless.*

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—*Reuter.* Kitano Maru, Taidaiwa, Namsang, Taiyo Maru, Hosang, Hainan, Orestes, President Jefferson, Sunning, President Grant, Kwaiyang, Kalyan, Oosiker, Lushan Maru, Chakrang, Yunnan, Bourbon, Hak-kai Maru, Tjipanas and Kwelyang.

The fortieth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency, Co., Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Thursday, February 9, 1928 at 12.30 p.m.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 What is the chief business of the port of Liverpool?
- 2 Who was Cædmon?
- 3 Under which Sovereign was each parish made responsible for the relief of its own poor?
- 4 What are isotherms?
- 5 Define, (a) philately; (b) philology.
- 6 What does the Bluebird symbolise in Maeterlinck's "The Bluebird"?
- 7 Why did Wat Tyler's rebellion break out?
- 8 What, in law, is a tort?
- 9 In what street is Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop?
- 10 Finish the quotation: "There lives more faith in honest doubt."
- 11 What are prime numbers?
- 12 In which of Shakespeare's plays do the following characters appear: Benedick; Ophelia; Bassanio; Collan; Celia; Regan?

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SPORTS TOPICS.

INTERPORT SOCCER
RUMOUR.

THE SHANGHAI TEAM.

[By "Wanderer"]

Free circulation is being given to the rumour that Bob Wynne, the Police right back, who has been selected to represent Hongkong against Shanghai in the Interport match, has been refused permission to make the trip. Wynne on his day is the Colony's star back and may be regarded as one of the players on whom chief reliance was placed to outwit our Northern rivals. At the time of writing I have been unable to confirm the rumour, which in the event of its being true is a serious matter for the Hongkong selectors. Before the position is awarded to a substitute, it might be that representations in the proper quarter would yet secure the services of Hongkong of a player whom we can ill afford to leave out.

A strong defence, but a little doubtful forward, may be taken as summing up the Shanghai Interport team, announced as follows:

- Frearson (Vindictive);
Hathaway (Goldstream);
Palmer (S.F.C.);
Pote-Hunt (S.F.C.);
Gash (Police) captain,
Costa (P.S.A.);
Baxter (S.F.C.);
Collaco (S.F.A.);
Goldman (S.F.C.);
Lee Wai-tong (Lee Hwa)
Gee (Beds. and Herts.).

Gash, Baxter, Collaco, Goldman and Lee Wai-tong are the only former Interporters in the side, and it will be seen that four of these are forwards. The defence appears to have been tightened up considerably from that which conceded four goals in Hongkong last year, though the vigorous work of Price and Hurry in the half-back line will be missing. It may not, however, be missed. It is said that Costa is not likely to perform as well as left half as he is capable of doing at centre-half.

One thing is certain. If the forwards are good enough, Hongkong will have a lively time in Shanghai on Saturday week. Personally, I think the Hongkong team could be bettered, but he that as it may, Shanghai will not find our representatives an easy team to defeat.

I have received a letter from P. O. Brackstone, who fought Cpl. Vince at the Lee Theatre on Saturday last, the fight being stopped in the first round owing to severe cuts over the eye sustained by both men in the course of a brisk slam.

P. O. Brackstone writes: "Re-description of fight between Corporal Vince and myself, which was described as a novices bout, our records certainly do not point that way. I understand Vince is recognised as the runner-up for the heavyweight championship of India, and speaking for myself, I have had considerable experience dating back as far as 1915 and have a good record. I would feel very much obliged if you would publish this article in view of future matches for I certainly think the report is belittling my reputation."

"I was heavyweight champion of the North American and West Indies for two years being my only commission on that station."

I am only too willing to public P. O. Brackstone's letter to correct what was perhaps a wrong impression. It struck me that both injuries, and Brackstone was most badly damaged, were due to infringement of the rules by free use of the open glove; indeed, it is almost certain that this was the manner in which they were caused. The lines along which the only round proceeded did not suggest long ring experience on the part of either man, and it would be impossible to say which took the initiative in the somewhat wild tactics which featured the contest.

A copy of Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "The Smith Administration" was sold at the Anderson Galleries recently for £2,800—stated to be a record price for a book by a living author. Only six of the book, printed at Allahabad in 1891, are known to exist. One is in Mrs. Kipling's possession and four in American collections. The remaining copy was sold to Messrs. Rosenbach.

SHANGHAI'S SOCCER
ELEVEN.COMMENTS ON RECENT
TRIAL GAME.

STERLING LEFT BACK.

The Interport team to represent Shanghai against Hongkong is published in another column. Before its selection, a Shanghai newspaper commentator on the prospects said:

The fever of Interport football is in the air and the task of Shanghai's selection committee is called "a conundrum." It would appear to be a matter only of a few minutes with many wiseheads, but the fact remains that Shanghai will have to find a team capable of beating Hongkong and this is by no means an easy matter, judging from private information received from the Crown Colony. The second Interport trial game, played on the Pioneer Field, on Monday last did not lessen the anxieties of the selectors, for the game was a rag-time affair in which the Probables paid the penalty of under-rating the opposition of a patched-up eleven.

What are the facts? Frearson, of the Vindictive, has proved himself to be the most accomplished goal-keeper seen locally for many a day and he will be available for the match during China New Year. White, of the Signals, is his closest rival for the position, but this clever custodian, who has been honoured by the Army authorities at Home on more than one occasion, is not yet sound and Shanghai cannot afford to take chances. The element of uncertainty surrounds Goldsmith and Chow, but a trial should be afforded Mott, of the Beds. and Herts., who possesses all the necessary qualifications of a first-class goal-keeper.

Palmer, one of Shanghai's greatest discoveries since the war, is a certainty for the left full-back position and it is equally certain that either Torry Wilson or Hathaway, of the Guards, will partner him. Sgt. Kelly, of the Green Howards, has captured the imagination of Shanghai's enthusiasts, but it is known that the Green Howards shortly will be leaving these shores. Guardsman Hathaway was a conspicuous success in the two recent trials, but Wilson is showing signs of deterioration after a career second to none in local football circles and for this reason Hathaway is preferred as a full-back, sure with both feet and the ability to convert a clearance into a pass.

The Half-backs.

Current events serve to show that Pote-Hunt, Gash and Costa will be the intermediate line, but there is fear of Gash being unable to withstand the hard knocks of a strenuous encounter, owing to the injury to his knee and it also is admitted that Costa is unable to display the full glories of his half-back play in a wing position. There is Hurry, of the Police, who has thrust and spirit in plenty and a pair of hard shoulders, and Spencer, of the Signals, who cannot be overlooked as a cool and calculating left half-back. Shortness in stature did not prevent Spencer from obtaining a School-boy International cap and recent displays have been very impressive.

It is in the attack that a puzzling problem occurs, for Baxter, otherwise a fixture at outside right, is a doubtful starter, owing to a muscle injury, and Goldman is not the power of old. There is no conundrum about the inclusion of Lee Wai-tong and, to hit straight from the shoulder, the writer is of the opinion that the time is ripe for the introduction of Billy Tingle, whose strongest claim is grit and determination for the whole 90 minutes. For the same reason Stokes is entitled to consideration for the outside left berth.

"Pure imagination" was the comment of the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks regarding a report that Dartmoor Prison is to be closed, and that the authorities are examining a suggestion that convicts of the type hitherto sent to Dartmoor should be transported on parole to outlying parts of the Empire. "What country, for instance," asked Sir William, "would be prepared to take our delinquents?"

OUR FOOTBALL
COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 14th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 23—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on January 14th:—

F.A. CUP.
THIRD ROUND.

Hull City	v	Leicester.
Blackpool	v	Oldham.
Arsenal	v	West Brom. A.
Charlton	v	Bury.
Bristol C.	v	Tottenham.
Millwall	v	Derby C.
Blackburn	v	Newcastle.
Swindon	v	Clapton O.
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Wolves	v	Chelsea.
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Cardiff	v	Southampton.

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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

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THE SOVIET OATH.

TAKEN BY BRITISH
DELEGATES?

London, Dec. 8.

The Home Secretary (Sir W. Joynson-Hicks) told Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, in the House of Commons, that he had seen press reports that some British delegates, during the Bolshevik celebrations, took the oath of allegiance to the Soviet Republic.

Sir R. Hall: Is not this tantamount to treason?

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks: I am afraid we could not make it the basis of a treason prosecution, and I do not think it would cost them their British subject rights.

Commander Kenworthy: Did you see photographs of Sir Austen Chamberlain giving the Fascist salute in Italy?

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks: I wish you would send me a copy of it for my scrap book.

The motor road between Chinwan and Castle Peak, which was blocked as the result of a landslide following the rain during the week-end, has been cleared of the obstruction, and is now re-open for traffic.

SHANGHAI TOPICS.

TRIBUTE TO GREEN
HOWARDS.

THE WAVE OF CRIMINALITY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
An event has just taken place here which goes to illustrate afresh the truth of the dictum that blood is thicker than water, so far as Anglo-Saxon solidarity is concerned.

There is a certain temperamental type of American who affects to see no good whatever in the Briton and all his works, just as there is his British counterpart, who disdains his cousin from "across the herring pond."

This type of Anglo-Saxon—happily in the minority—is to be found in various parts of the Far East, and the past three years have been prolific in instances where sordid attempts have been made to take a mean advantage of Britain's embarrasments in the Far East by steadily misrepresentation of her motives in relation to the Chinese.

The other, and happier, side of the picture has just been unfolded to view by the sincerely enthusiastic manner in which the men of the United States Marines Corps have seen off their British comrades of the Green Howards on the latter's departure from these shores. Unforgettable scenes were witnessed yesterday at the wharveside, the memory of which will remain indelibly imprinted in the minds of Britons and Americans long after the present emergency will have passed.

The Green Howards marched from camp to the troopship to the accompaniment of the Fessenden Fifes, the fife and drum band of the U. S. Marine Corps, who were given instruction by Bandmaster Francis of the Green Howards, and in return for this courtesy, the latter have just been made the recipients of a handsome Drum-Major's Mace from the U. S. Marines.

The Green Howards' departure is not alone a genuine loss to Shanghai, in view of the popularity of the regiment, but they have incidentally been the creators of an Anglo-American entente in Shanghai.

"Crime Metropolis."

As if to furnish the Settlement with good measure in the matter of crimes of violence, the old year was not fated to pass out of existence without a final outrage, which has administered a profound shock to the entire community.

Almost on the eve of the New Year, Detective-Sergeant Frank G. Campbell, one of the most efficient and at the same time one of the best liked members of the Municipal Police Force, joined the long roll of honour of police heroes who had died while bravely engaged in the execution of their duties. In this case, the victim met his death in a Chinese dwelling in the outlying parts of the Settlement whilst he and six other policemen were attempting to arrest two armed robbers.

Chicago has been generally reputed to be the great "crime metropolis" of the world, with its sinister gang of gunmen, but it would seem that Shanghai is well on the way to establishing a claim for that unenviable distinction.

People are asking if everything possible is being done to protect our policemen, who so fearlessly walk into what can only be described as veritable death-traps. It is literally true that a policeman these days takes his life in his hands when he sets out to apprehend armed robbers and kidnappers, and it is well known that there is no adequate system of insurance for the benefit of the victim's dependents.

It has just been suggested that an appropriation should be made by the ratepayers to the end of providing every active member of the Police Force with a steel mesh waistcoat, and the proposal is receiving serious consideration in responsible quarters. It represents only a fractional part of a growing problem.

The Motor Car Peril.

Another New Year's Eve tragedy, which cast gloom over many who were on the point of starting the evening's revelries, was a motor car fatality—one of the most serious accidents in recent years—as a result of which a Chinese chauffeur of one of the colliding cars was killed instantly while, ironically enough, the foreign driver, on whom the responsibility for the accident was fastened at the subsequent inquest, escaped almost without a scratch.

The finding of the court, based on the evidence of eye-witnesses of the affair, was that the fatal mishap was directly due to the criminally negligent driving of the foreign motorist, who assumed a brave risk in deliberately leaving the line of traffic to pass several cars ahead of him, in the most dangerous portion of the Bubbling Well Road, in the vicinity of the Majestic Hotel, which takes the shape of a double "S."

That the blame in this case should be fastened on a foreign driver is an exception, for the majority of foreign owner-drivers are scrupulously careful in manoeuvring their machines. But there is a disconcerting minority, both among Chinese and foreign drivers, who think nothing of blowing pedestrians off the road by honking incessantly on their motor horns, which can only be described as shrieks.

In fact, this type of "road hog" seriously imagines that all they have to do is to blow their horns as hard and as frequently as possible, even when coming round a bend at a high rate of speed. And, in this connexion, it may be added that many competing manufacturers of horns would seem to be engaged in the amiable task of surpassing one another in the production of weird and far-carrying sounds that act as irritants on the community's nerves.

New Year Honours.

To pass on to pleasanter topics, the writer feels that reference should be made to the inclusion of two prominent Shanghai figures in the New Year's Honours List. The announcement that the King has been pleased to bestow a K.C.B. on Major-General John Duncan and the dignity of a knighthood on Judge Peter Grain, Chief Justice of H.M. Supreme Court, has already been cable to Hongkong, but the personal factor and the human touch are sometimes missing from bare cable announcements, and this is the scribe's excuse for touching on the subject.

As Sir Peter Grain remarked in the Supreme Court when the members of the British Bar foregathered to shower felicitations upon him, the King, in honouring him, had honoured the Supreme Court. It was just the sort of utterance one would have expected of Judge Grain, and it was consistent with his characteristic modesty and unobtrusive temperament. The most effective compliment that could be tendered him is that everyone who has practised in his Court readily testifies to his exquisite courtesy and innate kindness of disposition.

With regard to the honour conferred on the G.O.C. of the Shanghai Defence Force, the community feels gratified at having an opportunity to congratulate him, before his departure, on this fitting recognition of his services to his country. Certainly, no more courtly figure has moved among us for the past eleven months. He had come among us both as a soldier and as an ambassador of goodwill—the Chinese have found this out by this time—and he leaves the situation here a little better than he found it on his arrival here.

The Starting Gate At Last.

Local disciples of the turf are elated over the fact that the Shanghai Race Club, at long last, has been brought into line with approved racing conditions prevailing in other progressive centres where the sport of kings holds sway.

The manner of starting, China ponies for a long time has been a joke, and only the much harassed spectator, indulging in a little mild flutter on local horseflesh, could really and fully appreciate the vexation of soul and the heart searching through which he would pass at the singular antics of the China pony before the starter's flag. After the patient wait entailed following several false starts, it was galling to see a ragged start when many punters could not help realising that they would never get a run for their money under the existing conditions.

All that, however, is ancient history. The Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club have started the New Year well by successfully experimenting with a brand new type of starting gate, the brain-child, so to speak, of Mr. R. F. Stewart, the celebrated Tientsin jockey. This pattern, which has been used by the Tientsin Race Club at several meetings, with complete success, has been tried here at last, and there is every indication that it has come to stay.

The experiment incidentally has exploded the ridiculous fetish that the China pony is not equal to confronting the tapes by reason of his temperamental idiosyncracies. Whilst perfection, of course, could not be expected at the first trial, the mounts, on the whole, have taken kindly to it, and this is so much to the good.

The engagement is announced of Miss Joan Fry, the international lawn tennis player, to Mr. B. E. Pagden, of Port Elizabeth, whom she met when touring with the British women's team in South Africa last year.

Sir Campbell Rhodes unveiled a stained glass window at the Bunyan Meeting Church, Bedford, recently in memory of John Rowan Steven, a Bedford School boy, who was drowned while trying to save his friend in the River Ouse.

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KWANTI RACES.

ENTRIES FOR STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

The following are the entries for the steeplechase meeting of the Kwanti Hunt to be held at Kwanti on Saturday, January 21:

January, Maiden Plate—One Mile.

For China Ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs. 1st prize \$100. 2nd prize \$20. 3rd saves entry.

Alhambra, Bill Brewer, Boffender, Chick To, Cumberland, Dumbell, Durham, Lochearn, Macao Beauty, Man of War, Min River, Nimrod (Late Wild Hawk), Pekin, Red Leaves, Rupert, San Diego, Scooter, Seal Tax, Senatorship, Sunning, Tarzali, Wai Chow, Wowsler, Yellow Shadow, Kandoo, Iron General.

Kwanti New Year Handicap—1 1/4 miles.

For China Ponies. 1st prize \$100. 2nd prize \$20. 3rd saves entry.

Ace of Spades, Alhambra, Bill Brewer, Blotting Paper, Caviare, Cintra, Craigavon, Deer Hound, Honeymoon, Humdinger, Kandoo, Loch Rannoch, Macao Beauty, Man of War, Min River, More Better, Mowgli, Nimrod (Late Wild Hawk), Race Horse, Red Leaves, Seal Tax, Shady Joe, Silver Fox (late Sagamore), Sunning, Vesuvius, Wai Chow, Wowsler, Yellow Shadow, James Pigg, Circe.

Farling Cup—1 1/2 Miles.

For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. For a Cup, presented by Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard. 2nd prize \$50. 3rd saves entry.

Caviare, Cheriton Vale, Deer Hound, Easter Day, James Pigg, Loch Rannoch, San Diego, More Better, Mowgli.

Heavy Weight Stakes—1 Mile.

For China Ponies that have started twice or more at Kwanti Race Course. Catch Weights 168 lbs. 1st prize \$100. 2nd prize \$20. 3rd saves entry.

Circus, Drake, Dumbell, Foxfoot, Smart Guy, Strathmore, Two Step, Yorks, Durian, Shady Joe, Sheila, Sunning, Iron General, Conquistador, Nobleman, Why Not, Scooter.

January Stakes—7 Furlongs.

For China Ponies that have started at this meeting or at Kwanti Race Course since 1st December, 1927. Winners at this meeting barred. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have won a Steeplechase since 1st December, 1927, 5 lbs. penalty. Ponies that have started at this meeting 5 lbs. allowance. 1st prize \$100. 2nd prize \$20. 3rd saves entry.

Ace of Spades, Alhambra, Bill Brewer, Blotting Paper, Boffender, Caviare, Cheriton Vale, Cintra, Circe, Craigavon, Cumberland, Deer Hound, Dumbell, Drake, Durham, Durian, Easter Day, Foxfoot, Honeymoon, Humdinger, Iron General, James Pigg, Kandoo, Loch Rannoch, Lochearn, Macao Beauty, Man of War, Min River, More Better, Mowgli, Nimrod (Late Wild Hawk), Nobleman, Pekin, Race Horse, Red Leaves, Rupert, San Diego, Scooter, Seal Tax, Senatorship, Shady Joe, Sheila, Silver Fox (late Sagamore), Smart Guy, Strathmore, Sunning, Tarzali, Two Step, Vesuvius, Wai Chow, Why Not, Wowsler, Yellow Shadow, Yorks, Chick To, Conquistador.

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

THE SHANGHAI TEAM.

There will be an Interport football match to-day between the selected side and the R. N. and R. A. F. combined on the Hongkong Football Club ground at 3.45 p.m.

The game will be refereed by S. Sergt. Gilmour, and the linesmen will be Mr. F. A. Willis and Pte. Lamb.

The following will represent Shanghai against Hongkong: Frearson; Hathaway and Palmer; Pote-Hunt, Gush (Capt.) and Costa; Baxter, Collins, Goldman, Lee and Gee.

Referee: Mr. Willis. In the Senior Division of the United Services Shield Competition H. M. S. Carlisle will play the R.O.S.B. on the Sookunpo ground at 2 p.m. The referee is S. Sergt. Gilmour.

Inter-Departmental.

The inter-departmental sports competitions recently instituted are being extended. Last week there was to have been a cricket match, but rain prevented it. This week there will be a football match, between teams drawn from the Public Works Department and the Sanitary Department. The match will take place on the H.K.F.C. ground to-morrow, Thursday, at 4.30 p.m. Mr. McTavish will referee.

The Sanitary Department will be all out to avenge a defeat inflicted upon them last year by the P. W. D. Their team will be selected from the following: Watson (Captain), Wood, Frost, Grayley, Eddon, Roylance, Lantrol, Armstrong, G. Strange, Smith, Bradley, Murphy, Stevens and Bonaford.

The P. W. D. team is not yet announced.

TO VISIT CANADA.

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE ACCEPTS INVITATION.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.

President Cosgrave, of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, has accepted Mr. Mackenzie King's invitation to visit Canada during his forthcoming visit to America. —*Reuter's American Service.*

IRON AND STEEL.

\$1,500,000 COMPANY TO BE FORMED.

It is announced that the formers of the proposed company to develop the iron mining industry in the New Territories have definitely determined to take over the option on the Ma On Shan mines from the Hongkong Iron Mining Company. At the present time no details are available of the business deal but it is understood that the option was secured on very good terms.

Contracts have been entered into already for the supply of several thousand tons of ore.

It is now proposed to form a company with a capital of \$1,500,000 to develop this industry, the greater proportion of it having already been underwritten. Immediately on the formation of the new corporation operations will be commenced. It is estimated that substantial profits will be made on the above-mentioned contract. As soon as the working of the mine is in full swing the company propose to go into the smelting business and if the hopes of its promoters are realised the production of commercial iron and steel locally will be an established fact.

The business promised to be a profitable one and the promoters are confident that they will be able to supply their product at competitive prices.

HONGKONG MERCHANT.

ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI ON SWINDLE COUNT.

Cheng Cheonglai, 37, merchant was remanded in Provisional Court at Shanghai at the instance of the police who applied for his extradition to Hongkong to answer charges of embezzlement of \$40,000 belonging to a Chinese firm there.

Cheng was before the British Police Court on the previous Saturday but was refused jurisdiction. In Provisional Court he maintained that he was a British subject, having been born in Hongkong of Ningpo parents.

Detective-Sergeant S. V. Gash stated that Cheng did not claim to be a British subject when he was before the British Court and asked for a week's remand pending further telegraphic instructions from Hongkong.

Cheng, it was stated, was arrested on board the President Taft when the steamer came into port. He was allowed bail on a cash security of \$25,000.

ANTI-PIRACY MEASURES.

TROOPS GUARDING S.S. KUTSANG.

Singapore, Jan. 10. Owing to the prevalence of piracy in Chinese waters, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's steamers are now leaving for China with parties of armed troops aboard. The steamer Kutsang, which left for Hongkong with 2,000 Chinese deck passengers carried ten fully armed Royal Artillerymen who will keep regular watches throughout the voyage. —*Reuter.*

RUSSIAN LOAN DENIED.

MINERS' FEDERATION MADE NO REQUEST.

London, Jan. 10.

The Treasurer of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain denies that they appealed to Moscow for a loan. —*Reuter.*

[A previous message from Riga, stated that the Russian Unions had acceded to the request of the British Miners' Union to lend the latter £50,000, without interest, to pay the debts incurred during the big strike.]



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DARING ESCAPE.

BANDITS' PRISONER KILLS GUARDS.

Mexico City, Jan. 10. Maddened by the consistent ill-treatment meted out to him by the bandits who captured him on December 17, and over-hearing his captors arranging to execute him on the 10th inst., Lyman Barber, an American mining engineer, suddenly seized the only available weapons—stones and broken bottles, and ferociously attacked and killed his four guards.

He then endured a night of horror, stumbling painfully until he reached a village at daybreak, when he obtained a conveyance to his home in Mexico City.

There his pale, anxious-eyed wife herself answered the bell, to fall into the arms of a gaunt, ragged spectre, who collapsed and had to be put to bed. There are promises of his early recovery. —*Reuter's American Service.*

"RED ROSE" CRASHES.

SMASH IN TAKING OFF FOR BATAVIA.

Muntok, D.E.I., Jan. 10. The light aeroplane "Red Rose" crashed when taking off en route to Batavia. Both occupants were slightly injured and the machine was badly damaged. It is considered doubtful if it will be able to resume. Captain Lancaster and Mrs. Miller are returning to Singapore by steamer. —*Reuter.*

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DEAD KING'S WISH.

London, Dec. 7.

A romantic law-suit has been opened in the Chancery Court regarding the ownership of the "Lepine millions" which are supposed to be worth £2,500,000, although counsel expressed the opinion that this estimate was exaggerated.

Maria Lepine, who died in 1798, was alleged to be illegitimate, and she left no heirs. The estate passed to George III, who conferred it on Admiral Howe, requiring him to furnish an indemnity, on behalf of himself, to future kings, should the genuine claimant be discovered.

The nine present claimants are descended from Maria's aunt.

Counsel stated that a marriage certificate, which had recently been discovered in St. Martin's Church, London, proved that Maria was a legitimate child, and the indemnity undertaking must be honoured. Meanwhile, the Howe beneficiaries are dead, and he urged, the Crown should pay.

The action is by petition of right against the King. The Attorney-General (Sir Douglas Hogg) intimated that even if the petitioners should otherwise establish their claim, they are legally debarred from recovering.

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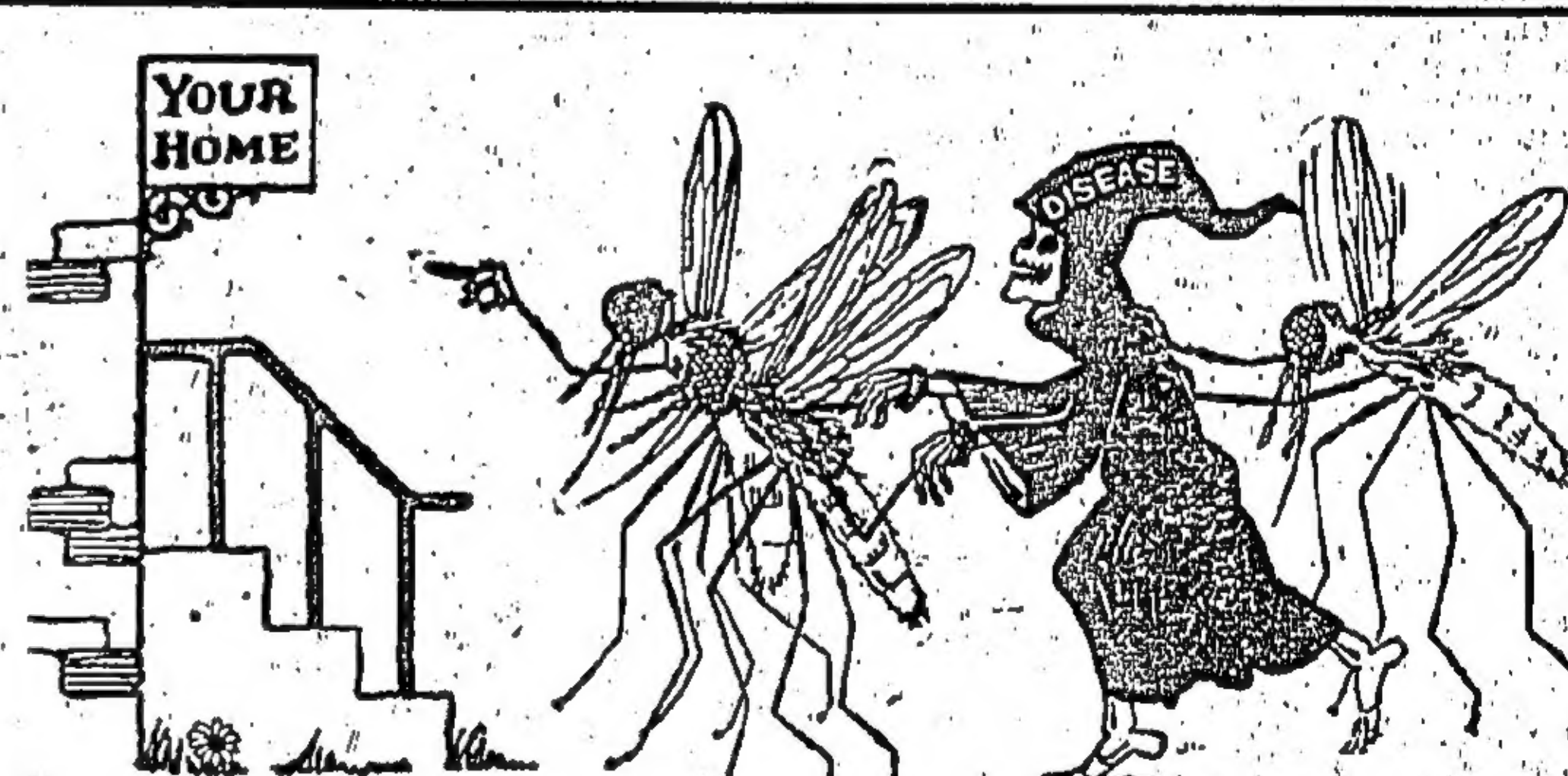
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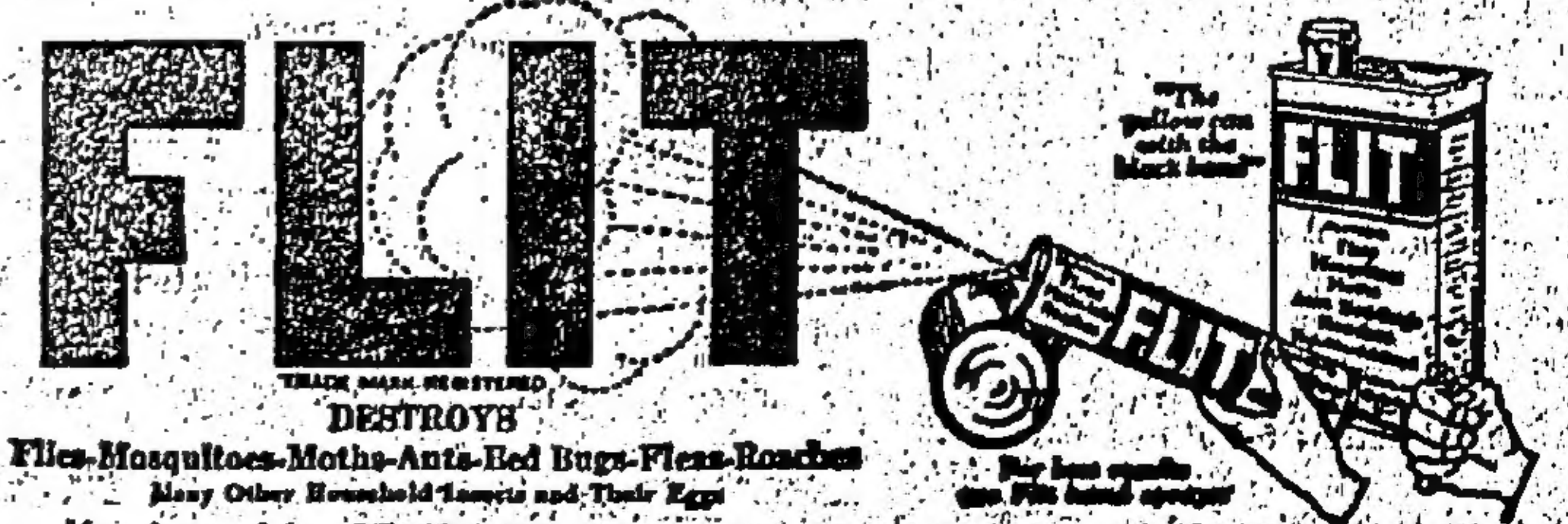
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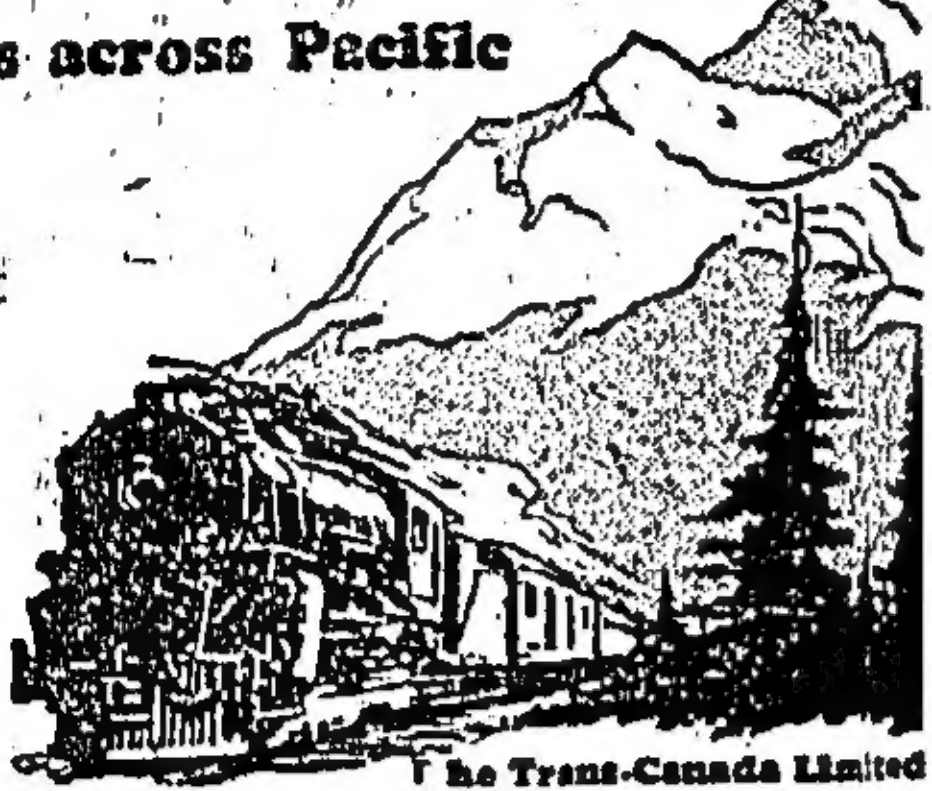


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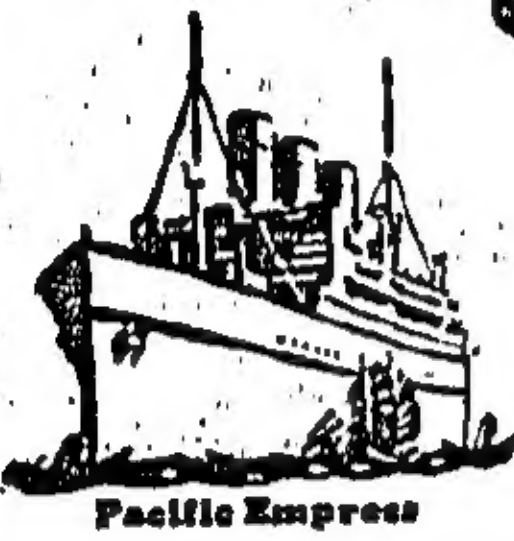


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GOATS STOLEN.

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After having only been admitted to practice in Hongkong, yesterday morning, Mr. K. S. Chowdhury, made his initial appearance in a Court case, when he defended an Indian constable before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of larceny of a goat and a kid, belonging to an Indian watchman employed by the China Light and Power Co.

Mr. L. D. Turner appeared for the prosecution and outlining his case said it was alleged by the complainant that the defendant on October 17 stole a goat and kid from a vacant piece of ground near the China Light and Power Co.'s premises at Mongkok. The goat and kid, at any rate, continued Mr. Turner, disappeared and they were next seen at Lok Ma Chau, where the defendant was stationed.

A report was made by the complainant who received information that the animals were in the New Territories. Sub-Inspector Dick communicated with the Station in question and ascertained that there had been a goat and a kid at the station, but that the kid had since been consumed by the defendant and his family.

Subsequently at an interview at which were present the complainant, the defendant and another Indian Constable, the defendant admitted the theft and offered to settle the matter by paying the complainant \$100. The complainant refused.

Sub-Inspector Dick was then called and he gave evidence of the complainant making a report to him on October 25. Witness went on to speak of communicating with Lok Ma Chau and of the subsequent events, already mentioned by Mr. Turner in his opening.

Defendant's Statements.

Before proceeding further with his examination of witness Mr. Turner said that his submission would be that a voluntary statement made by the defendant was admissible as evidence.

His Worship pointed out that what the witness was told was through the interpretation of the complainant.

Mr. Turner replied that he was referring to a statement made by the defendant in English.

Answering Mr. Turner, witness said that he put no questions direct to the defendant, but the latter by his replies appeared to have understood what witness was asking. On one occasion he had replied to a question asked by witness before the complainant had interpreted the question.

His Worship intimated that he thought the reply in this one instance might be admitted as evidence.

In reply to Mr. Turner, witness said that the defendant's instantaneous statement was in reply to the question "Did you take the goat?"

Mr. Turner said that it was now for his Worship to consider whether the reply to that question was admissible.

His Worship replied that only the replies made in Hindustani could not be admissible.

Mr. Turner agreed, remarking that he did not want them admitted in evidence.

Asked what the defendant's reply to his question was, Sub-Inspector Dick said that the accused said "I did take the goat."

Counsel's Privileges.

Mr. Chowdhury then cross-examined witness. He was about to ask the inspector if the report he made to his superior officers was in the favour of the defendant, and that witness was of the opinion that the defendant did not steal the goat, when his Worship interposed and disallowed the question, remarking that counsel was asking for the decision of a Police officer of the case before it had come to Court.

Mr. Chowdhury submitted that as the report was mentioned it was his privilege to question witness concerning its contents.

Mr. Turner replied that the contents of the report were never mentioned in the inspector's evidence in chief.

His Worship said that he did not think counsel could go further than ask what the tendency of the report was.

Witness, when asked, said that it was favourable to both parties.

Replying to further questions, witness said that he knew the complainant was a Police officer.

Mr. Chowdhury: Do you know why he was dismissed from the Force?

Mr. Turner objected to "the trend of my learned friend's cross-examination." Counsel could only ask questions which were relevant to the case.

Malicious Prosecution Alleged.

Mr. Chowdhury replied that it was most relevant to the case. He was going to show that the complainant was dismissed from the Force on account of the defendant or the defendant's brother, which was the reason why this prosecution was brought.

His Worship informed counsel that he should pursue the question at a later stage.

Mr. Chowdhury was about to ask witness why a private prosecution by summons was taken instead of Police action soon after the report was made, when his Worship remarked that he did not know that the Court could go into the reasons of the procedure.

The complainant then gave evidence. He mentioned that during the interview he had with the defendant, when the latter offered the \$100 in settlement of the matter, witness had replied that he would not come to a compromise for even \$1,000.

Referring to the interview at the police station, witness said that the only words the defendant used in English were "It was a mistake. I am a poor man." The question, "Did you take the goat?" asked by Sub-Inspector Dick was answered by the defendant in Hindustani.

After witness had denied that he brought the case through enmity or with any malice, counsel cross-examined him with regard to

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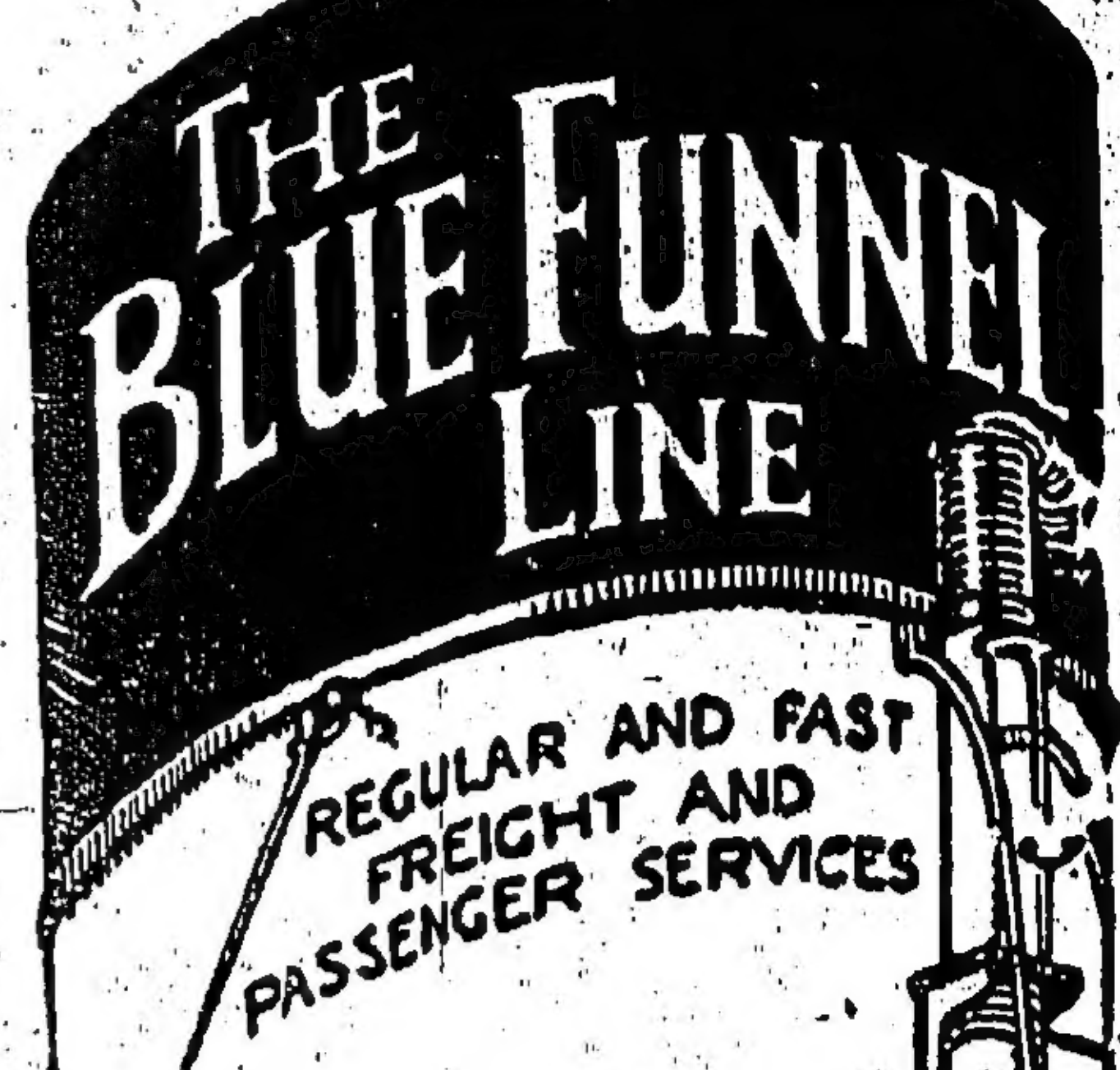
his dismissal from the Police Force.

Witness admitted that he was discharged because he had been found in the family quarters of a certain Indian, but denied that the defendant's brother had given evidence against him in that instance.

Witness also denied that he sold the goat and the kid to the defendant.

Witness further said that with the exception of the words already mentioned in his evidence, the defendant made no other statement in English to Sub-Inspector Dick.

The case was then adjourned.



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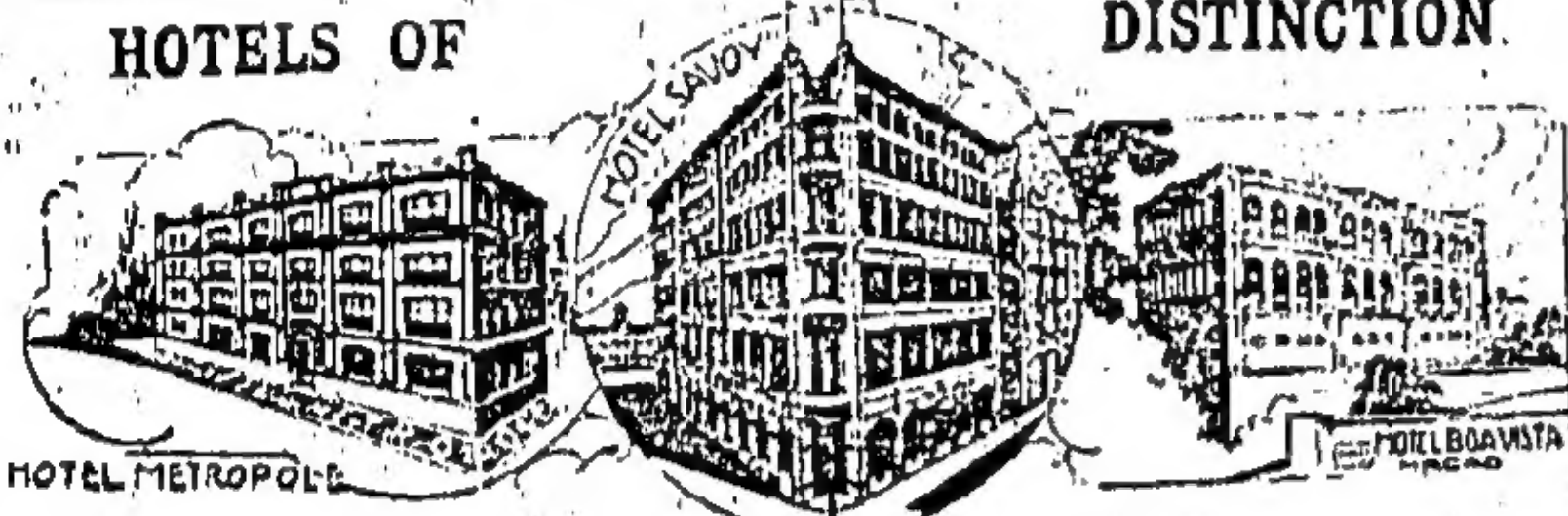
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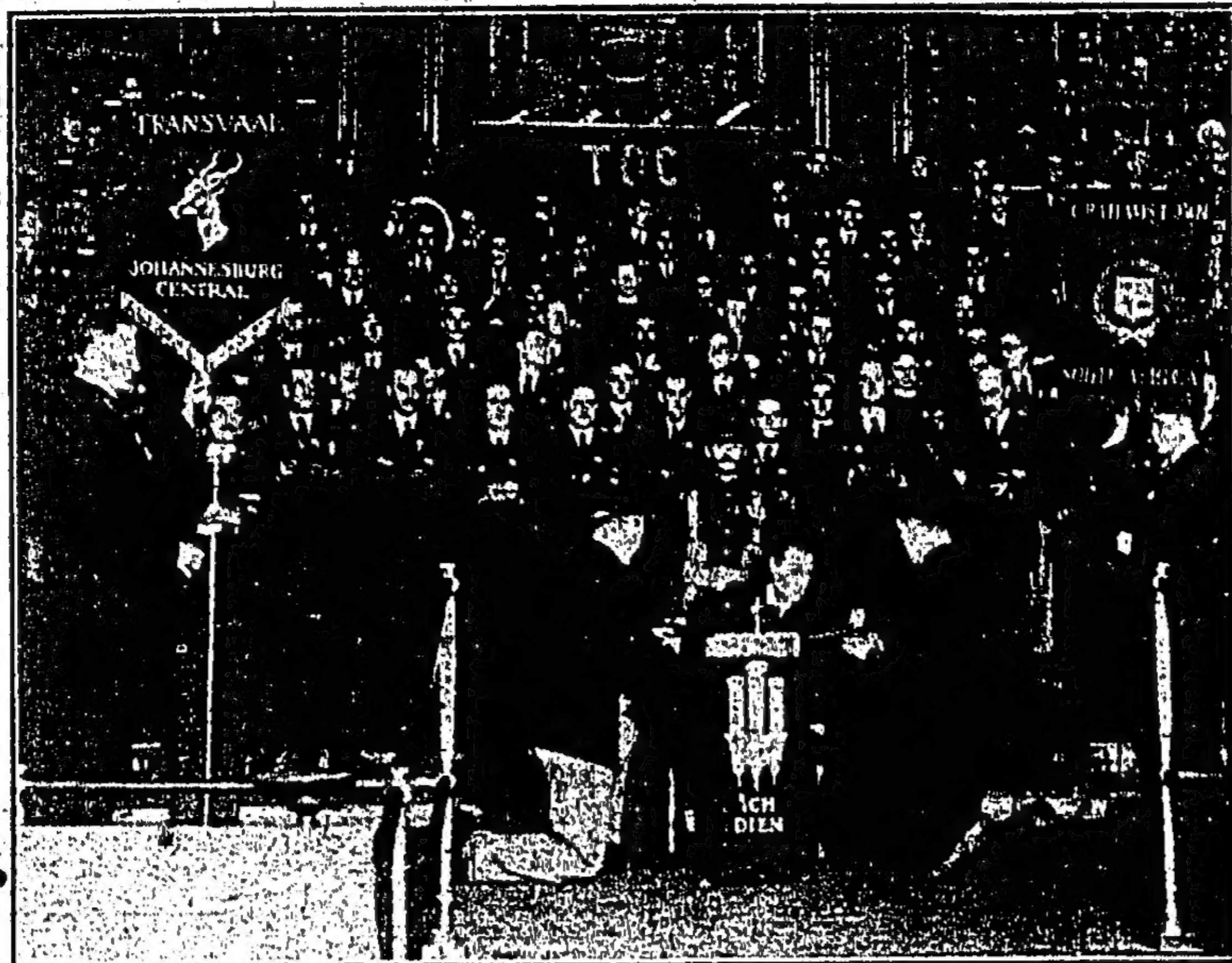
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SWABUE COMMUNISTS
BEATEN.

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join hands with the Hai-luk Fung "Reds" and had been recruiting for the farmers' and labourers' armed corps, combining with the "Iron-sides" in aiming at the capture of Swatow and Chaochow. Their plan was said to be to attack Kityang, a town south-west of Chaochow, by going north-eastward from Hai-fung and Luk-fung. This report, however, has since been superseded by a later one that the "Iron-sides" are making a general retreat. This is probably due to their inability to co-operate with the "Reds" at Hai-luk Fung, for reasons which are not yet known. At any rate, observers are of the opinion that at the present juncture the "Iron-sides" will not be able to do anything which will affect the political situation in South China to any very large extent.

Fighting on Border.

On the report that the "Iron-sides" were retreating to the border of Kiangsi, the Canton Government wired to General Chu Pei-teh, the leader of the Nationalist 3rd Army now ruling Kiangsi, requesting him to station some units along the border between Kiangsi and Kwangtung to intercept the fleeing troops. The whole of the 7th Division of General Chu's army, it is stated, was despatched to the border and a fight between the "Iron-sides" and this division took place on Monday near Lingping. The fight lasted several hours, resulting in the Kiangsi units gaining the upper hand and taking more than 100 "Iron-sides" as prisoners and capturing more than 50 rifles. This news reached Canton yesterday.

General Li Chai-sum has also wired to General Pei Chung-hsi's troops at Swatow to immediately organise an anti-"Red" campaign to exterminate the Communist Farmers' and Labourers' Corps at Hai-fung and Luk-fung.

Mr. Ma Chiu-chun, the former Chief of the Canton Arsenal, has been appointed by the Canton Government to act as Commissioner of Labour Affairs. Mr. Ma, it is stated, will take up his new post to-day.

STEAMERS BUSY.

Better Trade With Hongkong.

It was learned on the waterfront this morning that there has been a revival in freights from Canton, the Kinsan arriving last night carrying nearly 2,000 packages of cargo, a large amount of which was silk, consigned to Europe.

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NEW YEAR PARTY
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ASSAULT ON HOTEL "ROY."

How a New Year party at the Tunghshan Hotel on the central waterfront came to a disastrous ending, in the small hours of January 1st, was related to Major C. Wilson at the Central Police Court this morning, when Harry Major was summoned by the hotel management for assaulting their No. 1 Dining Room boy.

The evidence of the complainant was to the effect that Major, who was with a party of six, swept the crockery off the table after the meal, and, when remonstrated with, assaulted the "boy" who was punched in the eye and body. It was deposed that Major ordered two beers, five whiskies and a roast chicken.

Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the prosecution, at this stage pointed out that it was only fair to the defendant to say that he was with a party which consisted of five Europeans in addition to himself.

Witness said that after the police had been called in to take Major into custody, Major continued to be extremely violent. On the way to the Station, he again punched witness, knocking him out so that he had to be revived with brandy.

The Manager of the Hotel said that when he came into the dining room, he saw Major with his jacket off, acting in a bellicose attitude towards two Europeans at another table.

Major stated in Court that the row was caused by a Petty Officer who was with other foreigners at a different table.

A fine of \$10 was imposed, defendant being also ordered to pay \$5 as compensation to the complainant.

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SCRAP IRON.

The story of a car which is alleged to have been spirited away from a garage at Canton and later found, according to a motor-expert, in the condition of scrap iron in a Hongkong garage, was related to Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The car was a Briscoe four-seater, and its recent history is associated with political happenings in Canton. It barely survived the disastrous treatment of the "Reds," and was later taken away when the anti-"Reds" wrested the city from Communist hands.

On December 13th, three men called at the Wan Ho Tin Garage, at Wai Sun Street in Canton, and, announcing that they were staff officers from General Wang Kuei-chung's 4th Army of "Iron-sides," commandeered the car and had coals to drag it to the empty garage of the same Corps. That was the last seen of the car in Canton.

Three days later, it was shipped down on the Tung On to Hongkong where it was left at the Dragon Garage to be repaired, but such was its condition that the motor-expert at this Garage refused to have anything to do with it, saying that in its condition it was not worth the repairing. He valued the car as it stood at not more than one hundred dollars.

The car having been traced by the owner, information was laid with the police, with the result that a man who took the car to the Garage was arrested on a warrant. He was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with the theft of the car. Two other men who are not in custody were also named in the warrant.

The defendant strenuously denied that he had anything to do with the job of shipping the car down here. He named a man living at Lai Chi Kok Road who was concerned in the shipment.

This man, Sub-Inspector Carey informed the Court, was a Chinese Army Officer. He had been requested to attend the Court, but had "stood on his dignity as an officer" and had refused to come up.

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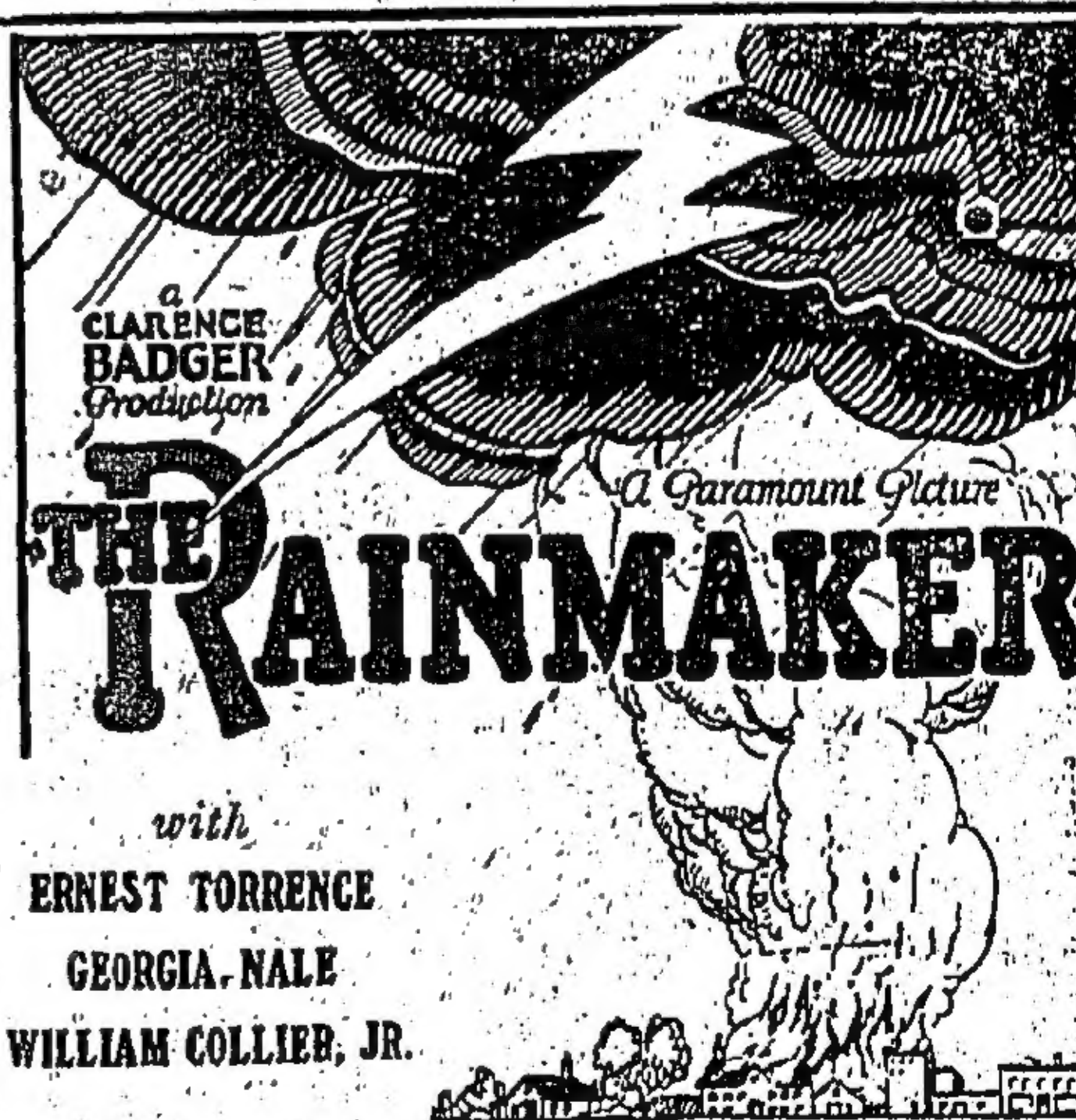
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